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- As of 2012/2013, there were ten Hartford Magnet Schools with CMT data, and although his school is the only school with an extended school year and school day, his school ranked ninth. At the high school level, he ranked third out of all four magnet schools on the CAPT
- Dr. Perry boasts a 97% graduation rate, however he fails to share that over a third of his students that enter the ninth grade, never graduate from his school. If the school is so wonderful and welcoming to all, why does he lose over a third of his students?
- He claims that every graduate is accepted to a four year college, however he never publicizes how many attend those colleges, and more importantly, how many actually receive a four year degree.

I have attached the necessary documentation to support my claims, including the court documents regarding the federal conviction of this reverend.

This bill is a good start, however I am also pleading with the legislature not to fund Dr. Perry's charter school. Bridgeport has had its share of controversial issues and figures, and the last thing we need is to add the likes of a charlatan like Dr. Perry.

## Cost Analysis for Charter School Applications

(Costs the Bridgeport Public Schools Will Have to Fund and Loss of Title I Funding)

### Great Oaks Foundation Charter School/GO-BPT

Year	Estimated Transportation Costs	Estimated Special Ed. Costs	Estimated Loss Title I Funding	ESTIMATED TOTAL
2015-2016	\$144,800	\$128,415	\$59,760	\$332,975
2016-2017	\$298,400	\$264,534	\$119,520	\$682,454
2017-2018	\$452,400	\$408,359	\$179,280	\$1,040,039
2018-2019	\$640,000	\$559,888	\$239,040	\$1,438,928
2019-2020	\$848,000	\$719,123	\$298,800	\$1,865,923
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,383,600</b>	<b>\$2,080,319</b>	<b>\$896,400</b>	<b>\$5,330,319</b>

### Capital Prep Harbor School

Year	Estimated Transportation Costs	Estimated Special Ed. Costs	Estimated Loss Title I Funding	TOTAL
2014/2015	\$448,560	\$246,780	\$149,400	\$844,740
2015/2016	\$462,420	\$254,184	\$149,400	\$866,004
2016/2017	\$780,780	\$467,938	\$265,932	\$1,514,650
2017/2018	\$1,158,360	\$684,526	\$376,488	\$2,219,374
2018/2019	\$1,491,630	\$867,192	\$457,164	\$2,815,986
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,341,750</b>	<b>\$2,520,620</b>	<b>\$1,398,384</b>	<b>\$8,260,754</b>

## Hartford Magnet High School Comparison

District/School	Grades	2012/2013 CAPT	2011/2012 Graduation Rate	2011/2012 Free/Reduced	2011/2012 % ELL	2011/2012 Special Ed.
Hartford School District	Pk-12	50.5%	64.8%	89.8%	18.0%	13.5%
Classical Magnet School	6-12	74.3%	98.8%	51.0%	2.8%	6.0%
Hartford Magnet School Trinity	6-12	71.9%	N/A	56.9%	5.7%	12.3%
College Academy	Pk-12	69.7%	97.0%	51.4%	3.4%	6.3%
Capital Preparatory Magnet School						
Pathway Academy of Technology Magnet School	9-12	68.9%	94.2%	54.7%	4.3%	12.2%

\* Capital Prep's Graduation, Completers and Students Still Enrolled Rates does not Include ELL's, Hispanic, Free/Reduced and Students w/ Disabilities because there were less than 20 students in each of these cohorts

\* Classical Magnet School's Graduation, Completers and Students Still Enrolled rates does not include Ell's, Hispanic, and Students with Disabilities because there were less than 20 students in each of these cohorts

\* Pathway Academy of Technology's Graduation, Completers and Students Enrolled Rates does not include Ell's and Students With Disabilities because there were less than 20 students in each of these cohorts

\* Hartford Magnet School Trinity College Academy had not had a graduating class as of 2011/2012

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**USA v. McCluster**

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- 1 Filed: 7/13/2000, Entered: 7/17/2000  
 INFORMATION filed in open Court as to Carl McCluster (1) count(s) 1 (18:841) (Boroskey, C.) Modified on 07/17/2000 Information - Felony
- 2 Filed: 7/13/2000, Entered: 7/17/2000  
 WAIVER OF INDICTMENT executed in open court by Carl McCluster (Boroskey, C.) Waiver of Indictment
- 3 Filed: 7/13/2000, Entered: 7/17/2000  
 Plea Agreement Letter as to Carl McCluster (Boroskey, C.) Plea Agreement
- 4 Filed: 7/13/2000, Entered: 7/17/2000  
 Initial presentment held as to Carl McCluster Defendant Informed of rights. Personal Recognizance bond set. (JCH) (Boroskey, C.) Initial Appearance
- 5 Filed: 7/17/2000, Entered: 7/19/2000  
 Personal Recognizance bond dated 7/13/00 as to Carl McCluster (Boroskey, C.) Bond
- 6 Filed: 8/25/2000, Entered: 8/25/2000, Terminated: 8/30/2000 Motion to Continue

- 7 MOTION by Carl McCluster to Postpone Sentencing (no date given) and extension of time to file objections to Pre Sentence Investigation report (Krajcik, R.) Waiver of Speedy Trial  
 Filed: 8/25/2000, Entered: 8/25/2000, Terminated: 8/30/2000
- WAIVER of Speedy Trial by Carl McCluster to Continue pursuant to 18:3161(h)(8) (Krajcik, R.) Order  
 Filed: 8/30/2000, Entered: 8/31/2000
- ENDORSEMENT granting [6-1] motion to Postpone Sentencing (no date given) and extension of time to file objections to Pre Sentence Investigation report reset Sentencing for 2:00 10/26/00 as to Carl McCluster (1) ( Signed by Judge Janet C. Hall ) (Boroskey, C.) Order  
 Filed: 8/30/2000, Entered: 8/31/2000
- ENDORSEMENT granting [7-1] waiver to Continue pursuant to 18:3161(h)(8) Time Excluded from 7/14/00 to 10/26/00 as to Carl McCluster (1) ( Signed by Judge Janet C. Hall ) (Boroskey, C.) Order  
 Filed: 10/17/2000, Entered: 10/17/2000
- 8 SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by Carl McCluster (Krajcik, R.) Motion to Continue  
 Filed: 10/19/2000, Entered: 10/19/2000, Terminated: 10/24/2000
- 9 Joint MOTION by USA as to Carl McCluster to Postpone Sentencing to 11/21/00 @ 9:30 am) (Barrille, J.) Order  
 Filed: 10/24/2000, Entered: 10/25/2000
- ENDORSEMENT granting [9-1] motion to Postpone Sentencing to 11/21/00 @ 9:30 am) reset Sentencing for 9:30 11/21/00 as to Carl McCluster (1) ( Signed by Judge Janet C. Hall ) (Boroskey, C.) Waiver of Speedy Trial
- 10 WAIVER of Speedy Trial by Carl McCluster to Continue sentencing pursuant to 18:3161(h)(8) (Boroskey, C.) Order  
 Filed: 10/26/2000, Entered: 10/26/2000
- ENDORSEMENT granting [10-1] waiver to Continue sentencing pursuant to 18:3161(h)(8) Time Excluded from 10/26/00 to 11/21/00 as to Carl McCluster (1) ( Signed by Judge Janet C. Hall ) (Boroskey, C.) Sentencing
- 11 Sentencing held Carl McCluster (1) count(s) 1: court departs downward (JCH) (Boroskey, C.) Order  
 Filed: 11/21/2000, Entered: 11/22/2000
- 12 ORDER of Restitution as to Carl McCluster in the amount of \$117,094.00. ( Signed by Judge Janet C. Hall (Boroskey, C.) Judgment  
 Filed: 12/5/2000, Entered: 12/7/2000
- 13 JUDGMENT as to Carl McCluster (1) count(s) 1. five years probation; the defendant shall be placed on home confinement for the first six months. The defendant shall pay none of the costs associated with monitoring. The defendant shall pay restitution to the Veteran's Affairs, Homeless Providers Grant Per Diem Program. A special assessment of \$100.00 is imposed ( Signed by Judge Janet C. Hall ) (Boroskey, C.) USM Return Executed  
 Filed: 12/5/2000, Entered: 12/7/2000
- 14 MARSHAL'S RETURN of service on Judgment and Commitment executed as to Carl McCluster on 12/11/00 (Krajcik, R.) Attorney Appearance - USA  
 Filed: 12/16/2000, Entered: 1/5/2001
- 15 ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Christine L. Sciarino appearing for USA. (Gutierrez, Y.) Motion for Hearing  
 Filed: 7/21/2004, Entered: 7/27/2004
- 16 MOTION for Examination of Judgment Debtor & MOTION for Hearing on Defendant's ability to Pay the Judgment by USA as to Carl McCluster. (Gutierrez, Y.) Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings  
 Filed: 7/29/2004, Entered: 7/29/2004
- NOTICE TO COUNSEL RE: E-FILE CALENDAR. THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE COUNSEL WILL RECEIVE. JUDGMENT DEBTOR HEARING as to CARL McCLUSTER set for 8/26/2004 4:00 PM, U.S. District Court, 915 Lafayette Blvd., Courtroom 2, Bridgeport, CT before Judge Janet C. Hall. All persons entering the courthouse must present photo identification. (Szczygiele, G.) Order on Motion for Hearing
- 17 Filed: 7/29/2004, Entered: 7/30/2004

- ORDER granting [16] Motion for Hearing as to Carl McCluster (1); granting [16] Motion for hearing on defendant's ability to pay the judgment hearing as to Carl McCluster (1). Signed by Judge Janet C. Hall on 7/28/04. (S-Barrille, J.)
- 18 Filed: 8/31/2004, Entered: 8/31/2004  
Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Janet C. Hall: Judgment Debtor Hearing as to Carl McCluster held on 8/31/2004. Hearing continued until 10/1/04 (Court Reporter Fidanza.) (Boroskey, C.)
- 19 Filed: 9/13/2004, Entered: 9/15/2004  
TRANSCRIPT of Examination and Hearing of Judgment Debtor as to Carl McCluster held on 8/26/04 before Judge Hall. Court Reporter: Fidanza. (Barrille, J.)
- 20 Filed: 9/17/2004, Entered: 9/17/2004  
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- 21 Filed: 9/30/2004, Entered: 9/30/2004  
NOTICE TO COUNSEL RE: E-FILE CALENDAR. THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE COUNSEL WILL RECEIVE. JUDGMENT DEBTOR HEARING (Continued) as to CARL McCLUSTER set for 10/29/2004 03:30 PM, U.S. District Court, 915 Lafayette Blvd., Courtroom 2, Bridgeport, CT before Judge Janet C. Hall. All persons entering the courthouse must present photo identification. (Szczyglol, G.)
- 22 Filed: 11/4/2004, Entered: 11/4/2004  
NOTICE TO COUNSEL RE: E-FILE CALENDAR. THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE COUNSEL WILL RECEIVE. JUDGMENT DEBTOR HEARING (Continued) as to CARL McCLUSTER set for 12/10/2004 03:00 PM, U.S. District Court, 915 Lafayette Blvd., Courtroom 2, Bridgeport, CT before Judge Janet C. Hall. ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE COURTHOUSE MUST PRESENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION. (Szczyglol, G.)
- 25 Filed: 12/10/2004, Entered: 1/4/2005  
Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Janet C. Hall: Motion Hearing as to Carl McCluster held on 12/10/2004 re [16] MOTION for Hearing MOTION for Examination of Judgment Debtor filed by USA (Court Reporter Fidanza.) (Boroskey, C.)
- 23 Filed: 12/23/2004, Entered: 1/4/2005  
SEALED MOTION - Filed separately from case. by USA as to Carl McCluster. (Barrille, J.)
- 24 Filed: 12/23/2004, Entered: 1/4/2005  
Sealed Document by USA as to Carl McCluster re [23] SEALED MOTION - Filed separately from case. - Filed separately from case file. (Barrille, J.)
- 26 Filed: 3/4/2005, Entered: 3/16/2005  
Return of Service on USM285 executed as to Carl McCluster on 1/27/05 (Boroskey, C.)
- 27 Filed: 3/4/2005, Entered: 3/16/2005  
USM Return of Service on USM285 executed as to Shiloh Baptist Church, payroll administrator on 2/3/05 (Boroskey, C.)
- 28 Filed: 3/22/2005, Entered: 3/23/2005  
ANSWER by Gamlishee as to Carl McCluster re [27] USM Return Executed, [24] Sealed Document (Cody, C.)
- 29 Filed: 1/19/2006, Entered: 1/19/2006  
ORDER terminating [23] Sealed Motion as to Carl McCluster (1). See sealed document #24. Signed by Judge Janet C. Hall on 1/19/06. (S-Boroskey, C.)

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## Hartford Elementary/Middle Magnet High School Comparison

District/School	Grades	2012/2013 CMT	2011/2012 Free/Reduced	2011/2012 % ELL	2011/2012 Special Ed.
Hartford School District	Pk-12	58.1%	89.8%	18.0%	13.5%
Noah Webster Micro society Magnet School	Pk-8	82.4%	94.4%	20.5%	13.2%
STEM Magnet School @ Annie Fisher	K-8	81.2%	94.4%	20.5%	13.2%
Hartford Magnet School Trinity College Academy	6-12	75.6%	56.9%	5.7%	12.3%
Classical Magnet School	6-12	75.2%	51.0%	2.8%	6%
R. J. Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts	Pk-9	74.4%	95.0%	20.5%	13.2%
Montessori Magnet School @ Annie Fisher	Pk-6	73.1%	27.9%	2.2%	2.9%
Breakthrough Magnet School	Pk-8	72.9%	62.5%	4.0%	13.0%
Environmental Sciences Magnet School @Mary Hooker	Pk-8	70.6%	95>%	9.6%	10.6%
Capital Preparatory Magnet School	Pk-12	68.2%	51.4%	3.4%	6.3%
Dr. Ramon E. Betances STEM Magnet School	4	58.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Montessori Magnet @Moylan School	Pk-4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\* Dr. Ramon E. Betances STEM Magnet School opened in 2012/2013. The Strategic Profile for this school does not exist

\* Montessori Magnet @ Moylan School opened in 2013/2014. There is no data available on this school.

## Capital Preparatory Harbor School Fact Sheet

- According to the Education Cost Sharing Task Force, Bridgeport Public Schools is the most underfunded public school system in CT. The report estimated that we are underfunded by approximately \$43,000,000 on an annual basis
- State law requires that "The State Board of Education shall consider the effect of the proposed Charter School ...the regional distribution of Charter Schools in the State and the potential of over concentration of Charter Schools within a school district or in contiguous districts."
- Bridgeport is currently home to 4 charter schools. We have more charter schools than any other municipality in CT. These 4 Charter Schools will receive a minimum of \$85,415,000 in state funding over the next 5 years. All while the BPS remains severely underfunded
- The State Department of Education has identified 30 Alliance Districts due to significantly underperforming schools or sub-groups. Only 11 of the Alliance Districts currently have one or more charter schools. 19 Alliance Districts do not have a single charter school
- Should this charter school application be granted, the state of CT will allocate \$11,000 per pupil for this school over the next 5 years at a total cost of \$25,729,000
- The Bridgeport Public Schools is also required to cover all transportation costs for this school. This estimated amount is \$4,341,750 over the first 5 years
- The Bridgeport Public Schools is also required to cover all special education costs for this school. This estimated amount is \$ 2,520,620 over the next 5 years
- Title I funding follows the child, therefore, it is estimated that the Bridgeport Public Schools will lose \$ 1,398,384 in Title I funding over the next 5 years
- The total cost to the Bridgeport Public Schools in Title I, Transportation and Special Education costs over the first 5 years is estimated to be \$8,261,000.
- In the 2013-2014 school years, Bridgeport will spend over \$1.8 million dollars on transportation and special education costs for the charter schools currently serving Bridgeport students. In addition, loss of Title I funding this school year alone is approximately \$880,000. Total current charter school costs and loss of Title I revenue is \$2,680,000
- Capital Preparatory Schools, Inc. will manage this school for a fee of \$2,574,000 over the first 5 years. They will have supervised a total of 2,339 students in the first five years. 10% of every dollar provided by the State will go directly into the founder's pockets. So much for CT Charter Schools being non- profit
- During that exact same timeframe. Our superintendent would have supervised 97,500 students for \$1,275,300

## Capital Preparatory Harbor School Fact Sheet

- The school is expected to eventually be a grade PK-12 school with 6% English Language Learners, 13% special ed. & 90% Free/Reduced lunch. This is not reflective of the BPS's demographics. It will be open 7 hours per day with a 30 day summer academy with a minimum of 210 instructional days per year. There will only be a 2 week summer break
- 75% of student will be from Bridgeport while the remaining 25% will be from surrounding communities. There will be specific outreach to the Muslim community. The goal is to have 22-25 students per class. Each student must participate in a minimum of 3 extra-curricular activities.
- The school's 5 year budget does not allocate a single dollar for rent, utilities and custodial staff. The application states "The City of Bridgeport will be providing the school space." The school will be housed at the Bridgeport Trade and Technology Center. Has Mayor Finch offered to have Bridgeport taxpayers pay for all these costs?
- Dr. Steve Perry is both a controversial Hartford Magnet School principal as well as a controversial national figure. 9 of the 10 founding members of the management company, Capital Preparatory Schools, Inc. are Hartford public school employees that all work at Capital Prep Magnet School in Hartford
- Capital Preparatory Schools, Inc. has NEVER managed a single charter or traditional public school. This school will be its first
- Recently, Dr. Perry's company lobbied to take over the management of two Hartford Public Schools. There was significant outcry from the community and his proposals were rejected by his employer, the Hartford Board of Education. If his current employer did not support his efforts to manage two Hartford Public Schools, why should we support his efforts in Bridgeport?
- Excel Bridgeport will partner with this school extensively and work directly with students in completing a Social Justice Capstone Project. This is the same organization that spent over \$100,000 to help Mayor Finch take our right to vote for our Board of Education members
- The eventual goal is to build a "Teachers Village" in Downtown Bridgeport North. This campus would eventually house at least two charter schools and housing for "young teachers." There is currently one being built in Newark in which Commissioner Pryor was heavily involved in as a former deputy mayor in Newark
- The following members have already been selected for the school's governance council: Kenneth Moales, Carl McCluster, William McCullough, Gwendolyn Brantley ( Daughter of State Rep. Don Clemmons )and Teresa Wilson
- The management company will recruit and supervise the Principal and may recommend the termination of school employees & determine compensation. The Harbor School will also contract with the management company for a "small" contingency of ancillary services including accounting, performance management and performance management. Apparently \$2.6 million in "fees" just isn't enough.

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Good evening,

My name is Maria Pereira, I am a former Bridgeport BBOE member and I was the lead plaintiff in the CT Supreme Court case which overturned the illegal takeover of our BOE. I am here to testify in support of raised bill number 1096.

My only disappointment with this bill is that it becomes effective July 1, 2015 which leaves the door open to add a sixth charter school in Bridgeport.

Although the Bridgeport Board of Education, the district Parent Advisory Council and the Bridgeport Education Association all overwhelmingly voted to place a moratorium on any new charter schools, and testified to those facts before the state Board of Education, they voted unanimously to approve two additional charter schools in Bridgeport.

Over the next five years, the 5 current charter schools in Bridgeport, and the potential addition of Dr. Perry's charter school will siphon away over \$26 million dollars in transportation and special ed. costs as required by state law. This figure also includes the federal Title I allocation of \$600 per child which must follow the child.

Although the legislature has not appropriated \$1 for Dr. Perry's proposed charter school in Bridgeport, this week a billboard was erected over I-95 advertising this school and he is already informing residents that they have until April 10 to apply.

The facts are as follows:

- Dr. Perry founded his charter school management company in 2012 and to this day, has never managed a single charter school.
- Should you fund this school, the state will allocate almost \$26 million over the first 5 years at \$11,000 per pupil while the BPS continues to be starved
- The Bridgeport Public Schools CFO projected that the BPS will lose over \$13 million over the next 5 years in transportation and special ed. costs, all while this money is actually counted as part of the BPS ECS grant.
- 10% of every dollar you give to Dr. Perry will go to his management company. The school will serve a total of 2,339 students in its first five years which will line Dr. Perry's pockets with \$2,574,000
- To put that into perspective, In the same five year period, the superintendent of the Bridgeport Public Schools will supervise over 97,000 students and earn less than \$1.3 million
- One of Dr. Perry's designated Governing Council members is a reverend that has a federal conviction for embezzling \$117,000 in taxpayer funds. I have visions of the disgraced Michael Sharpe.