

Sen. Bye, Rep. Walker and Honorable members of the Appropriations Committee, I am sending this e-mail in regards to HB 6824 the Governor's Budget proposal. I want to express the need for more funding to be directed to the Consolidated School District of New Britain. Our district is among the highest poverty in Connecticut and our school, Smalley Academy, is one of the highest within our district! Our students would benefit from financial support from the state than what's being proposed by Governor Malloy. I teach students with special needs and we find it difficult to meet the needs of our students with the minimal resources we have now. Our Board of Education is advocating for some of those additional dollars to be equitably distributed across educational systems with a focus on Priority School Districts. We are in the business of children, therefore we must advocate for them and for us as educators. The lack of funding for the children who need it the most is truly an injustice.

Very Sincerely,
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