



The Parent Leadership
Training Institute of
West Central Connecticut
(Bristol, Burlington, Plainville and Plymouth)



March 3, 2015

Dear Senator Bye, Representative Walker and Members of the Appropriations Committee,

On behalf of the 60 Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) Alum and the current 20 members of the PLTI Class of 2015, I am writing to urge you to protect the **Parent Trust Fund**; which funds the Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI).

West Central CT is in its fifth year offering the Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI). The curriculum is designed to help parents who care become parents who lead. Each one of our participants is thankful for the life changes encountered. Here in West Central CT, many of our alumni are holding positions on boards and commissions, Parent Teacher Association (PTAs), receiving promotions, making positive life changes and more. All of which they contribute to their experience in PLTI.

PLTI of West Central Connecticut brings an unmeasurable value to our area, through matching grants and in-kind donations to our program, and through the many required projects of PLTI participants. Additionally, the **Graustein Memorial Fund continues to offer private matching funds to the State's investment in the Parent Trust**. PLTI has made a difference in West Central CT and we urge you to reinstate funding to the Parent Trust Fund line item.

Sincerely,

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