

**“TESTIMONY for March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5P.M. for the  
Appropriations Secondary Education Sub-Committee”**

**Submitted By: BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CONNECTS COUNCIL**

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Dear Senator Bye, Representative Walker, Senator Slossberg, Representative Fleischmann and Members of the Secondary Education Sub-Committee:

**As members of the BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CONNECTS COUNCIL, we are opposed to the proposed 1.3 million dollar budget cut to Youth Service Bureaus which includes the entire Enhancement Grant Line Item currently in the budget at \$620,000 and an approximately \$700,000 cut in the Cost Sharing grant that YSBs receive for being a YSB. We oppose the proposed move of the YSB system from SDE to the Department of Children and Families. The move would compromise if not dismantle the data system that uses school outcomes as a measure of success for the youth served by YSBs. The system has been in place for years and significant financial resources and people hours have been invested in the Results Based Accountability Framework.**

The BHS Connects Council is a group of 40+ students and staff at Bloomfield High School that is working with Bloomfield Youth Services on a new initiative to improve school spirit, pride and respect. Our first session exceeded our expectations. We are focusing our efforts on improving relationships between students, students and staff, school and family, and school and community. Youth Services is coordinating, facilitating and financially supporting the council.

Bloomfield High School and Bloomfield Youth Services has partnered and collaborated on the creation of many programs and activities. Spirit nights, an after school drop-in center at BHS, an Honors Lounge, multi-cultural events, school assemblies, after graduation parties, field trips and youth leadership activities have been some programs/initiatives that have been developed because of that partnership. In addition, many students and their families have participated in therapeutic services, crisis intervention services, juvenile justice services, the Foster Care Support Network, the food pantry, the holiday sharing program and financial assistance at Bloomfield Social and Youth Services.

Our partnership allows opportunities for youth to speak about relevant issues, provide programs and services that will meet our needs, contribute to our community in meaningful ways and allow us to be a part of the decision making process that impacts the lives of youth and families in Bloomfield. The partnership between schools and community is important to us, including our relationship with Bloomfield Social and Youth Services.

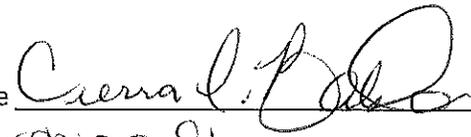
We request that you not cut the line items in the CT Department of Education Budget that supports Bloomfield Youth Services and all the other Youth Service Bureaus in the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

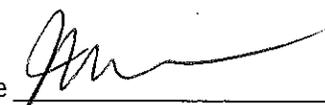
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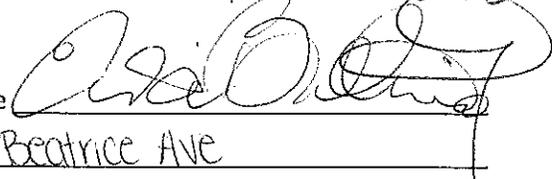
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