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Resolution Encouraging the ECS Taskforce to Recommend Proper Funding Levels and Allocate Dollars Based on Student Need and Town Wealth

October 17, 2011

Whereas the New Britain Board of Education has been flat funded for three years, and
Whereas the New Britain Board of Education has been forced to reduce teaching positions over the last three budgets, and
Whereas the New Britain Board of Education has sought money saving concessions from all our employees over the last three years; and
Whereas the New Britain Board of Education has not received appropriate funding levels to mitigate the affect that poverty, transiency, special needs, language barriers, transportation issues have on the families of our students; and
Whereas the New Britain Board of Education has been a strong partner with CCJEF for many years advocating for justice in education funding; and
Whereas this Board of Education has taken past action to oppose any form of money following the child; and
Whereas this Board of Education has gone to the State Board of Education and the State Legislature to advocate for the needs of urban students; and
Whereas this Board of Education continues to believe strongly in the possibilities that public education should provide equally to all students from across the State of Connecticut;

Be it resolved that the New Britain Board of Education by a vote this evening is reaffirming our strong opposition to money following the child or any new ECS formula that would take valuable and scarce local resources out of our local public school system.

Be it further resolved that this Board of Education is responsible for the education of over 10,000 students and it strongly encourages the ECS taskforce to focus their attention on equalizing the playing field for all children by providing the necessary resources district by district, child by child, to make good on the promise of a free and appropriate public education for all children, regardless of where they live.

Be it further resolved that as the state moves forward to implement the common core and secondary school reform that the obligation to fund that change and to ensure that all students have equal access and equal opportunities to succeed is through the ECS allocation.

Signature of BOE Officers

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