

Hamden Needs Your Help!

*** Hamden short-changed almost \$18 million each year! ***

FACT:

The State of Connecticut provides cities and towns with monies to subsidize the cost of their school systems through the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) fund. The amount each city or town receives is based on a formula that takes into account the total number of students, economic need and other factors.

PROBLEM:

For the past several years, Hamden has been significantly underfunded. Last year alone, our ECS funding was \$17.8 million less than it should have been according to the formula.

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Our town has to make up the funds we don't get through ECS in order to run our schools.

That's just not fair to Hamden taxpayers.

We ask for your help in getting the money we need and deserve! You can call or email or write a letter to our elected officials in Hartford, telling them Hamden needs our fair share of ECS dollars. Every communication is counted and every communication matters! Visit www.Hamden.org/ECS to find sample text for these communications as well as more information about the Education Cost Sharing problem and how it is devastating for towns like Hamden.

Please contact Hamden's representatives and ask for their help!

- **Rep. Brendan Sharkey** (Speaker of the House) (800) 842-1902, (860) 240-8500, (203) 281-4647 Brenden.Sharkey@cga.ct.gov
- **Senator Martin Looney** (President Pro Tempore of the Senate) (800) 240-8614, (860) 240-0375, (800) 842-1420 <http://www.senatedems.ct.gov/Looney-mailform.php>
- **Representative Mike D'Agostino** (860) 240-8585, (800) 842-8267 michael.dagostino@cga.gov
- **Representative Robyn Porter** (860) 240-8585, (800) 842-8267 robyn.porter@cga.ct.gov
- **Senator Joseph Crisco** (860) 240-0189, (800) 842-1420 <http://www.senatedems.ct.gov/Crisco-mailform.php>

In addition, Former Mayor **Scott Jackson** is now serving in an influential position in Hartford, as Deputy Secretary of CT's Office of Policy and Management, and can be contacted about this issue at Scott.Jackson@ct.gov or (860) 418-6501.



Find out more at **Hamden.org/ECS**

Thank you for helping our schools and our town!