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### **Appropriations Committee** **February 14, 2020**

#### Testimony in Opposition to the Office of Policy and Management Budget Adjustments

I am opposed to the Governor's proposed cuts to South Windsor's share of the Education Cost Sharing Grant for FY 2020/21. In FY 2019/20 South Windsor received \$11,697,000 in ECS funding for a total school population of 4,523. In FY 20/21 South Windsor's school population is projected to increase by 182 students to a total school population of 4705 and our ECS money is decreasing by nearly \$ 300,000 to \$11,408,000. The student growth trend for South Windsor for the next 10 years shows an additional 1000 students.

The Superintendent's FY 2020-21 budget statement sums up the District's growth succinctly "South Windsor continues to be an outlier in comparison to the enrollment growth among other Hartford County DRG B towns. Between October 1, 2015 and October 1, 2018, the other towns experienced either declining enrollment or only marginal increases in enrollment. South Windsor stands in stark contrast with a 11.7% increase in its K-5 population during this period"

South Windsor is one of the top performing DRG B schools in the state. I feel it is wrong to penalize this success by slashing drastically needed education funding by any amount. I strongly urge the Office of Policy and Management and the Appropriations Committee to allocate more resources for South Windsor Schools. I have included the Superintendents budget memorandum as proof positive of the student population growth and respectfully request that at the very least you maintain ECS Funding at the FY 2019/20 level of \$ 11,697,000.

Respectfully,

Rep. Tom Delnicki  
South Windsor