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December 7, 2016

Superintendent Steven Adamowski
Norwalk Public Schools
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Dear Superintendent Adamowski,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the various proposed school construction projects being contemplated around the city of Norwalk. I believe I speak for many city residents who are following the issue of overcrowding in our schools and agree with you, and the Board of Education, that action needs to be taken to remedy the situation. This issue is long overdue and should have been addressed by former superintendents along with both current and former members of the Board.

However, I am concerned with the process by which these plans are being developed. There appears to be a lack of inclusivity shown by your office, which is very troubling to me. To date, I have not been approached by you or the Board as to any aspect of these potential plans. As the state senator representing Norwalk, it is imperative for the state legislative delegation to be kept apprised of the step by step developments regarding these projects. It's possible you may have briefed other legislators, but I've asked you, members of your cabinet and Board members unofficially at community functions over the last few months, for information regarding the plans and have not received any feedback. At this point, my knowledge base is what has been reported in the media. I'm sure you understand my concern.

Purportedly, the Board is aiming to submit an application for grant funding to the state by June 30, 2017. It is crucial that the legislative delegation has the ability to advocate for this bonding in an informed way. Without proper communication from you and the broad based support of the community, I wonder how we will succeed together in our ultimate goal: meeting the needs of Norwalk's students.

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I would welcome the opportunity to join you in discussions regarding the development of these important projects. It is in Norwalk's best interest to secure the state bonding needed to implement any plan and we need to be working together

Please contact me at 860-240-0414 should you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



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January 13, 2017

Dr. Stephen Adamowski
Superintendent of Schools
Norwalk Public Schools
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Dear Superintendent Adamowski,

Thank you for your office's call yesterday seeking availability for you to meet with me and the other members of Norwalk's state legislative delegation.

To date, I have not heard back from you, either in writing or via phone communication, that you have received, read or plan to respond to my letter of December 7th, 2016. I think it would be best if you could reply to that letter prior to the meeting, so that the Norwalk delegation will be properly prepared for a productive discussion.

Thank you again for your consideration. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Bob Duff".

Bob Duff
Senate Majority Leader