

# PLEASE READ re: budget cuts, school counselors

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Fri 5/22/2020 10:46 AM

To: Winterle, Cynthia <CWinterle@StamfordCT.gov>; Quinn, Sharon [CT] <sharonq@cea.org>; BOE - SEA President <presidentsea@optonline.net>; George, Andy <AGeorge@StamfordCT.gov>; Burke, Jennienne <JBurke@StamfordCT.gov>; Dauplaise, Daniel <DDauplaise@StamfordCT.gov>; Tarzia, Nicola <NTarzia@StamfordCT.gov>; Altamura, Michael <MAltamura@StamfordCT.gov>; bhamman@stamfordct.gov <bhamman@stamfordct.gov>; Heftman, Jackie <JHeftman@StamfordCT.gov>; Pioli, Jackie <JPioli@StamfordCT.gov>; Rinaldi, Mary Lou <MLRinaldi@StamfordCT.gov>; Freedman, Richard <RFreedman@StamfordCT.gov>; Ryan, Kieran <KRyan@StamfordCT.gov>; Cerasoli, Frank <FCerasoli@StamfordCT.gov>; Alswanger, Geoff <GAlswanger@StamfordCT.gov>; Mannis, David <DMannis@StamfordCT.gov>; Board of Representatives <bdreps@StamfordCT.gov>;

Dear Members of the Board of Education, Board of Finance, and Board of Representatives,

Take a moment to think of the triage area in an emergency room. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, have hospitals decreased staff and resources during one of the most demanding and debilitating times in history? No. They have increased staff and resources to support the urgent and critical needs of the population. So why remove essential staff members and resources from the "triage area" of a school? School counselors are on the frontlines in the school building each and every day. We are often the first staff members who students, parents and other staff go to for help, direction and guidance. Whether it be personal issues, mental health concerns or academic needs to name a few, school counselors play a versatile and important role that should be valued and honored by preserving the existing school counselor positions in our district. Given the experiences that we have all endured, some of them life changing including deaths of loved ones and loss of jobs, we can only assume that mental health concerns will be on the rise when we return to the school building. School counselors are needed now more than ever. I sincerely ask that you reconsider the proposed cuts of five school counselor positions and allow us to continue the important work that we do every day to support the growing needs of our diverse population of students.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Christine Mitchell  
School Counselor  
Westhill High School

# Terry Conners Rink

Susan Dwyer <suepet37@yahoo.com>

Thu 5/21/2020 8:25 PM

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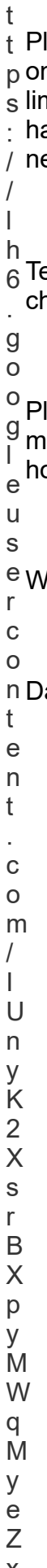


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# Save Terry Connors

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Fri 5/22/2020 10:27 AM

To: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>; Winterle, Cynthia <CWinterle@StamfordCT.gov>;

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With sincere thanks,

# TCR Rink - SYHA Funding Proposal

Reischea Canidate <reischea@gmail.com>

Fri 5/22/2020 3:02 PM

To: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>;

 2 attachments (5 MB)

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Hello Ms. Rosenson.

My name is Reischea Kapasouris.

I am requesting that you please forward the following message and the attached letter to the members of the Board of Representatives.

To the Esteemed Members of the Board of Representatives:

My name is Reischea Kapasouris.

I am a Stamford mother of two with a third grader attending Newfield Elementary who also has discovered the game of hockey. He plays for the Stamford Sharks of the Stamford Youth Hockey Association (SYHA) which calls Terry Conners Rink home.

SYHA recognizes the financial crush the city is facing and has come up with a good faith plan to help without dismantling the affordable programs that utilize the rink.

Please read our organizations attached letter and proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Reischea





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The SYHA Family

# In Support of Terry Conners Rink

Jen Dufek <jen\_dufek@yahoo.com>

Fri 5/22/2020 8:46 AM

To: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>;

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My son, Collin learned to skate at Terry Conners. Him and I still to this day enjoy Terry Conners for the stick and puck sessions. He has also spent many spring and summer days either taking private lesson or taking part in a spring hockey clinic. We have also enjoyed many local high school games as well as the charity hockey events that have been hosted at Terry Conners rink.

The Terry Conners rink is known to have the best ice/facility around. I believe it is due to the dedication and hard work of it's employees. Even though Chelsea Piers is a newer facility, they do not have nearly the quality of ice.

With sincere thanks,  
Chad McCollum

## #SaveTCR

Nick Vergara <nick@pryorcpa.com>

Fri 5/22/2020 12:20 PM

To: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>;

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Valerie,

Thank you so much for forwarding this along this email and the attachment to all of the Board of Representative's. We are encouraged that our voluntary agreement to raise the floor rate per hour will result in a good faith offer to keep TCR alive for our 400+ families.

Please forward the attached letter from my family along to your family of BOR's.

We appreciate your assistance with this dire situation we are faced with.

Thank you,

Nicholas, Marie, Luke and Elaina Vergara



Nicholas Vergara

Senior Manager

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