

To the members of the parks and Recreation Committee of the Stamford Board of Representatives:

I am writing in support of SoundWaters – their education partnership overall and, specifically, their plans for the Harbor Center at Boccuzzi Park. As Assistant Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent of Stamford Public Schools, I have had the pleasure of working with SoundWaters for many years and seen their programs, with our students, in action.

Through SoundWaters, our Stamford students learn and engage and grow in the natural world from pre-school through high school. I could cite so many examples, from our youngest students gaining initial science skills of observation and identification, to the acclaimed 6<sup>th</sup> grade partnership where all 1,200 middle school students and their teachers embark on a year-long program of learning and action. Many of our high school students gain high-level science skills and experience in after school and summer internships. SoundWaters creates all of these opportunities at little to no cost to the Board of Education.

Indeed, I have been so pleased with the partnership that I joined the SoundWaters Board two years ago. As a Board member, I can attest to the strong financial and strategic oversight that SoundWaters maintains and am confident that the organization will bring these same resources, opportunities and clear management to the new Harbor Center.

Yours,



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