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April 3, 2009

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Dear Mayor Malloy, BOE President Nabel and Union Leadership:

Last night the Board of Finance made budget cuts from the City and Board of Education budgets of over \$12 million. In typical times, these budget cuts would result in substantial layoffs from both the City and the Board of Education.

But these are unprecedented times. Many economic indicators are the worst since the Great Depression. Unemployment has hit a 25-year high, climbing to 8.5% in March. For the first three months of 2009, 2 million American jobs have been lost, and 5.1 million jobs have been lost since the start of 2008.

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Not only will layoffs jeopardize municipal services and education in Stamford, everyone should also be aware that any City or Board of Education employee who is laid off because of these budget cuts will find it extraordinarily difficult to find alternative employment.

The undersigned leaders of the Board of Representatives are hopeful that layoffs of city and Board of Education workers can be prevented.

We write to urge the City and Board of Education administration and all union leaders to immediately enter into negotiations with the goal of preventing lay-offs.

We ask that the City administration and the Board of Education keep the Personnel and Fiscal Committees of the Board of Representatives current on all efforts in negotiations as we continue forward with this year's budget process.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,



David R. Martin, President



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