



February 8, 2023

Dear Ellington Family -

Annually, I work with the Ellington Board of Education to develop a legislative agenda to lobby Connecticut's General Assembly. You may remember our success in 2019 with the passage of [Public Act No. 19- 195 - An Act Concerning the Establishment of a Firm Graduation Date](#). This act cemented Ellington's tradition of holding graduation on a Friday.

For the 2023 legislative session, the Ellington Board of Education unanimously turned its attention to Connecticut's disjointed school district funding system. House Bill 5003 would be a major step for streamlining funding for suburban, rural, and urban school districts. In fiscal year 2025, with the passage of HB 5003, the Ellington Public Schools would gain approximately \$530K annually, based upon revenue increases and tuition savings.

Here is the Ellington Board of Education's letter to the General Assembly.

[Ellington Board of Education Endorses An Act Concerning Education Funding in Connecticut: House Bill 5003 is a student-centered funding system that will benefit rural, suburban and urban districts](#)

Board Chair Jennifer Dzen and I had the honor of testifying in front of the Legislative Education and Appropriation Committees and attended a press conference which was also attended by Representative Jaime Foster.

[Verbal Testimony - Board Chair Dzen and Superintendent Nicol, February 3, 2023](#)

Here is an accurate article by the Journal Inquirer.

[Journal Inquirer - Local officials voice support for education funding bill](#)

We will keep the Ellington Family apprised of this bill's progress. This is a long legislative session that will not come to a conclusion until June.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Regards,

Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent