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Honorable City Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
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Re: June Bond Issuance Ordinance Package
DHS and ACE 2020 Bond(s)

Dear Council Members:

I will shortly submit to you an ordinance package from Bond Counsel that I ask your consideration be approved and then submitted to voter approval on June 2, 2015.

The package will contain proposed capital improvements totaling up to \$61M for Danbury High School as well as the Alternative Center for Education program and facilities. These funds will be designated toward specified School improvements that include the establishment of a new wing of the High School and associated improvements for ACE in order to accommodate the projected increase in the high school population in coming years and facilities needs for the ACE program. The projects have been reviewed incorporating a determination of need and analysis through and in conjunction with our School Board and Schools' officials as well as City officials and with other City departments and retained experts. We expect that a summary of the projects will be provided at the committee and public hearing session.

While it is expected that greater than a majority of the cost of these Schools' capital improvements will be reimbursable through non City (State or federal) dollars, we want to be certain that adequate funds are available to have on hand to accomplish these vital infrastructure improvements. The ordinance(s) has been prepared to permit maximum flexibility for receipt and use of Grant funds where available and appropriate to defray the costs of capital work involved in the High School and ACE improvements.

Kindly refer the ordinance(s) to committee and public hearing during the month of March **for return to the Council agenda for the April 7, 2015 Council session**. This will allow sufficient time for the steps needed (hearing, publication, notices) to timely place the bond question(s) on what we anticipate will be the June 2, 2015 referendum. Bond counsel will provide adoption documentation for the public hearing and for your full and further consideration.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Boughton, Mayor