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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 21, 2005

TO: Mark Boughton, Mayor and Honorable Members of the Danbury Common Council

RE: **Acceptance of Scholarship from the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care and the Connecticut Association of School-Based Health Centers to Enable Melanie Bonjour to attend Advocacy Development/Leadership Training in Washington DC**

I am requesting your acceptance of approximately \$1,400 in scholarship funding from the National Assembly on School-Based Health and the CT Association of School Based Health Centers, which will allow me to participate in the second part of an advocacy development/social marketing workshop conducted by Midwest Academy in partnership with the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care. The training will be held in Washington, DC, October 30th – November 2, 2005.

As a leader of school-based health centers in Connecticut, I was invited to participate in the first session of this training held in Oakland, CA in April. The upcoming workshop, which is limited solely to those individuals participating in the first session, will build upon the advocacy skills presented in April, and will also include face-to-face meetings with national political leaders representing Connecticut (i.e. Senator Chris Dodd, Senator Joseph Lieberman, Rosa L. DeLauro). The individual meetings with our political leadership in Washington will enable me to not only advocate for support of our school-based health centers here in Danbury, but also voice our needs for health care for the community at large.

It is not often that we have an opportunity to meet privately with our Federal leadership to discuss our community needs, so I do ask that you consider accepting the travel scholarship.

If you should need additional information, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration.



RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the National Assembly on School-Based Health and the Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers have offered a \$1400.00 travel scholarship for the City to participate in advocacy development and leadership training; and

WHEREAS, the scholarship would permit Melanie Bonjour, the City's Health Promotion Coordinator, to attend the training session in Washington D.C. between October 30, 2005 and November 2, 2005; and

WHEREAS, this session is the second such participatory event and permits such local officials to interact with federal officials involved with school based health advocacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Mark D. Boughton or his designee, Director of Health Scott Leroy, be and hereby are authorized to accept the scholarship from the National Assembly on School-Based Health and the Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers, and to execute such documents as maybe necessary to effectuate the purposes thereof.