

**Rosenson, Valerie**

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**To:** Dudley Williams (dnwill@optonline.net); Bosak Jr., Gerald; Louizos, John; RFREEDMAN@GARDENHOMESMANAGEMENT.COM; Gabriele, Salvatore  
**Cc:** Hamilton, Winifred; Rosenson, Valerie  
**Subject:** FYI: Stamford School Budget

Dear Lorraine: I am one of many longtime Stamford residential property owners whose work schedule often does not allow me to attend public hearings on matters like the schools budget. Please allow me to offer my thoughts herein.

I have no illusion that anyone who works for City government will fully understand the financial situation of those who do not. There seems to be a complete disconnect between the lives of those of us who work for companies and those who work for government, both in wages and benefits. Therefore I would simply ask you and others to consider the Board of Education's spending as you would that of your own household. In other words, make every attempt to rationalize spending increases that are proposed and lobbied for by City employees each year as reliably as the sun rising in the East.

City employees might think that with all of the construction going on in Stamford that everyone's fortunes continue to rise just because another hedge fund or whatever might be coming here. City officials who are deaf to the pleas of people like me and my wife increasingly distance themselves from those around them. This leads to a lack of credibility and support--two things any human being should cherish, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Sincerely,  
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