



## ***Education Committee - Board of Representatives***

Mary Savage, Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Education Committee met as indicated above. Present were Chair Savage and Committee Member Reps. Buckman, Cerasoli, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Nabel, Quinones and Wallace. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Kolenberg. Also present were Lou Casolo, City Engineer; and Michael Fernandes, Tamu Lucero and Michael Meyer, Board of Ed.

Chair Savage called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. E29.030	REVIEW Stamford Public Schools Policy 5113, 5113-R, 5113A-R, Attendance and Excuses. 06/04/15 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz	Report Made

Dr. Fernandes, Dr. Lucero and Mr. Meyer each reviewed various components of the existing policies, together with information about on-going review of the policies. The State of Connecticut has passed legislation regarding the definition of “chronic absenteeism” and the implications for students so identified. Student absenteeism has been and continues to be part of each school’s School Improvement Plan which is reviewed and updated each year. An Alliance Grant has been received by the H District and will be used to hire two Social Workers to work on attendance at two schools in the District. The regulations for the attendance policy are in the review process. The most important component to be worked on is the WHY? issue for student absences.

2. E29.029	REVIEW; Update on the Rogers International Inter-District Magnet School Application, Construction, and Financial Projections. 07/08/15 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman	Report Made
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Mr. Casolo gave a summary of the status, planning and projections for the 200 Strawberry Hill property. The project is going well and the financial projections appear to be on target. The Board of Education is reviewing the possibility of the project becoming a K-8 School. There are sufficient monies available to accomplish this. The main question to be answered is whether or not the site can accommodate a K-8 School. A K-

8 school would maximize the grant. At this time, the construction documents are 60% complete. As decisions are made, we will be informed.

***As a Secondary Committee:***

1. [F29.343](#)      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);  
\$318,607.00      Interdistrict K-8 Magnet School; Sewer connection  
fees- 202 Blachley Road.  
08/03/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
08/11/15 – To be considered by Planning Board  
08/13/15 – To be considered by Board of Finance
  
2. [F29.345](#)      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);  
\$12,400,000.00      Interdistrict Magnet School at 200 Strawberry Hill  
Avenue; Renovation and construction of an addition  
for a new school to be located on 10 acres (former  
Sacred Heart Academy Site) (80% grant funded).  
08/03/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
07/21/15 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
08/13/15 – To be considered by Board of Finance

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary M. Savage, Chair

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