

Vote NO

June 15

**West Hartford is experiencing 7.3% Unemployment (CT DOL, 04/2010)
and a record number of Home Foreclosures!**

Now is NOT the time to increase taxes!!

With \$10 million in deficits looming: Next year, the Board of Ed won't have increased state funding to rescue them.

Next year, the Board of Ed won't have an \$825,000 Blue Back Square settlement to help them.

Next year, the Board of Ed won't have Federal Stimulus Money to Bail Them Out.

In the past 10 years, the BOE budget has risen 61% (this year 4.3%), Education Salaries have risen 35% and Benefits by 179%!!*

In the last 4 years the BOE has only cut 6.3 certified staff positions out of 820!* Recent "Cuts" were made to unfilled positions.

The BOE budget includes Staff classified as Teachers who do not Teach classes, and roughly 100 classes with under 16 students**

Each school has about \$80,000 of discretionary spending with no traceable budget.

The time to start making meaningful reductions is NOW!

"We have to make sure there are no sacred cows in our budgets... We're going to ask you [the BOE] to repeat the behavior that we have on the Council side" - Mayor Scott Slifka - WH News 02/11/10

"This isn't a one-year issue, next year is going to be more difficult" - Town Manager, Ron Van Winkle - WH News 02/11/10

"We're in for a couple tough years. We're going to have to cut programs, and people are going to lose their jobs"

- BOE Chair, Clare Kindall - WH News 02/25/10

So Where Are These Cuts? - Vote "NO" on Higher Taxes!

* BOE Budget meeting with WHTA 03/15/10 ** 2010-2011 BOE Budget and Budget Supplement

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