

# June 17th Referendum

## Vote **YES** on the Budget to:

- SUPPORT EXCELLENCE in our SCHOOLS and
- Maintain QUALITY OF LIFE in West Hartford

- **Our property values remain strong, even now.** High quality schools and comprehensive town services make West Hartford a place where people want to live.
- **The approved budget is a maintenance budget – designed to maintain the schools and town services we both need and expect.**
- **About Our Schools...**
  - **We have excellent education in West Hartford.** 93% of our kids go onto higher education vs. 83% statewide. Our CMT scores are from 9 to 15 percentage points higher than the state average on EVERY measure. Our schools have been ranked highly in Newsweek, Forbes Magazine, and Connecticut Magazine.
  - **At the same time, our schools are highly cost-effective.** West Hartford now ranks 84<sup>th</sup> among the 169 towns statewide in total spending per pupil and 135<sup>th</sup> in administrative costs. Thirty years ago, West Hartford's per pupil spending was ranked in the top 5.
- **About Town Services...**
  - **Our town services are also highly cost-effective.** West Hartford town administrative costs represent only 3% of total property taxes.
- **A \$1 million cut in the budget would translate into just \$3.38 in monthly tax savings on a median-value home. Making cuts large enough to have a meaningful impact on the tax increase would severely affect all aspects of our QUALITY OF LIFE in West Hartford - police, fire, public works, libraries, senior centers, schools. So please...**

**VOTE YES ON THE BUDGET ON JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>!!**