Connecticut Summit on School Funding Reform

8:30 - Registration, coffee and pastry

9:00 - Welcome
Dr. John W. Miller, President, Central Connecticut State University
Courtney Bourns, President of the Citizens Network

9:10 - Opening Remarks & Introduction of the Panelists
Dr. Paul Petterson, Professor of Political Science, CCSU, Moderator

9:15 - Current Reliance on the Property Tax to Fund Education – the Problem
- James Finley, Associate Director - CT Conference of Municipalities
- Jeffrey Blodgett, Vice-President - Connecticut Economic Resource Center, Inc.,
  and author of Connecticut Benchmarks Reports
- Fred V. Carstensen, Director - Connecticut Center for Economic Analysis

9:45 - How Other States Have Solved the Problem
John L. Myers, The JLMyers Group, Lafayette, Colorado, former Education
Program Director for the National Conference of State Legislatures

10:30 - Break

10:45 - How Connecticut Can Solve the Problem – Action Steps
- George Coleman, Interim Commissioner, CT Department of Education
- Senator Thomas P. Gaffey, Co-Chair, Education Committee, CT General Assembly
- Senator Eileen Daily, Co-Chair, Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee, CT
  General Assembly
- Representative Cameron C. Staples, Co-Chair, Finance, Revenue & Bonding
  Committee, CT General Assembly
- Joseph F. Brennan, Senior Vice President of Public Policy - Connecticut Business
  and Industry Association

11:20 - Audience Questions & Comments – dialogue leading towards a solution

11:50 - What We Heard Today
Jacqueline Jacoby, Ed.D., Special Assistant to the Superintendent, Hartford Public
Schools

11:55 - Where Do We Go from Here - Courtney Bourns, President, Citizens Network

12:00 - Adjourn

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