



**Citizens Network**  
of the Capital Region  
A voice for change.

**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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