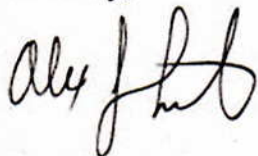


1. Expanding access to high quality preschool programs.
2. Creating new high performing public schools.
3. Recruiting teacher and principal all-stars into our urban districts—and keeping them there.
4. Helping districts implement best practices for raising achievement across all their schools.
5. Providing straightforward information on education spending and student progress in every school in every district.

As you know, we have achieved considerable success to date in enacting elements of this five point plan, and we hope to make continued progress for the benefit of all students in Connecticut's public schools moving forward.

We know just how good public schools can be and how those schools can enrich the lives of children. We are confident that such knowledge inspires you the way it inspires us, and we look forward to exploring ways in which we might work together to advance this mutual vision in the years to come. For instance, in a few weeks we will be releasing our "Top 10" lists of top-performing schools across the state in a number of categories on the 2007 CMT. And in doing so, we will be recognizing Troup Middle School in New Haven for having the 3rd highest scoring Hispanic students of any middle school in the state. With the district's support, we would be pleased to feature the school as one of the "Success Stories" profiled on our website. To that end, I would like to invite you to join me at ConnCAN's New Haven office at a time and date of your convenience to discuss ways in which our organization can further serve as a partner with the school district to help advance our common goal of ensuring that all New Haven children have access to a great public school.

Sincerely,



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