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Dr. Carlos Antonio Torre, President
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New Haven Public Schools
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Dear Dr. Torre,

We write to respectfully suggest that the Board of Education consider broadcasting its meetings as a way to keep New Haven residents informed and involved.

As you may know, the Board of Aldermen meetings are publicly televised via Citizens Television. New Haven residents are able to watch our meetings, stay up to date, and learn about the legislative process. Some residents have approached members of the Board of Aldermen and suggested that the Board of Education broadcast its meetings.

Broadcasting your meetings will support transparency, provide accountability, and strengthen the relationship between the Board of Education and its stakeholders. Therefore, we strongly encourage the Board of Education to consider implementing this value added service as a complement to the already successful school reform initiatives taking place in New Haven Public Schools.

We look forward to your response and thank you for your consideration of this request.

Cordially,

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