

# Stamford Public Schools 2012-13 Budget

## Musical Collages

*By Students from Springdale Elementary School,  
Grade 4*

**Teachers:** Samantha Kanner and Susan Ramsey

**Students:** Khadira Askew, Annabel Bonar, Nicholas Chuckas,  
Domenic Demasi, Brianna Iorfino, Kayla Liborio,  
Veronica Mojica, Patrycja Orlicka



## Asymmetrical Mandalas

*By Students from Springdale Elementary School, Grade 5*

**Teachers:** Samantha Kanner and Susan Ramsey

**Students:** Erik Bannister, Lina Cabrera, Dylan Califano, Flavio Calix, Rosaisela Vivar





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Winifred Hamilton, Ph.D., Interim Superintendent of Schools

January 12, 2012

Dr. Polly Rauh  
President  
Stamford Board of Education

Re: 2012-13 Superintendent's Budget Request

Dear Dr. Rauh:

Attached for your consideration are an Operating Budget in the amount of \$237,267,157 (3.49%) and a Grants Budget in the amount of \$25,128,022.

Considerable effort was expended to develop a fiscally prudent budget that preserves programs and positions, allows us to continue our instructional reform efforts, and complies with state and federal mandates. My budget is driven by the Strategic District Improvement Plan (SDIP) and incorporates suggestions from the Board of Education, teachers, administrators, the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee.

In consideration of the current fiscal climate many areas of the budget were pared down to a bare minimum. Of the 3.49% increase, .8% reflects positions added to the operating budget from expiring grants; .4% for payments relating to the early retirement incentive plan (ERIP) that was offered in June 2010; .1% for Elementary World Language startup and the district wide Health position; and .1% related to a projected enrollment increase. When the highlighted items are isolated from my requested budget increase, the base program increases just 2.0% over the current fiscal year.

I look forward to your support to bring forth this budget. I believe it will enable us to build on the progress of our educational reforms that prepare our children for higher education and the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Sincerely,

Winifred Hamilton, Ph.D.  
Interim Superintendent of Schools