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Subject: FW: School Funding Data – Response to Councilor Ryan’s Inquiry

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Subject: School Funding Data – Response to Councilor Ryan’s Inquiry

Dear Town Council Members,

In response to Councilor Ryan’s question, I have compiled a comparison of school funding sources for Ledyard and nearby districts. As you know, Ledyard Public Schools spends less per pupil than surrounding districts and ranks among the lowest-funded 10% in the state.

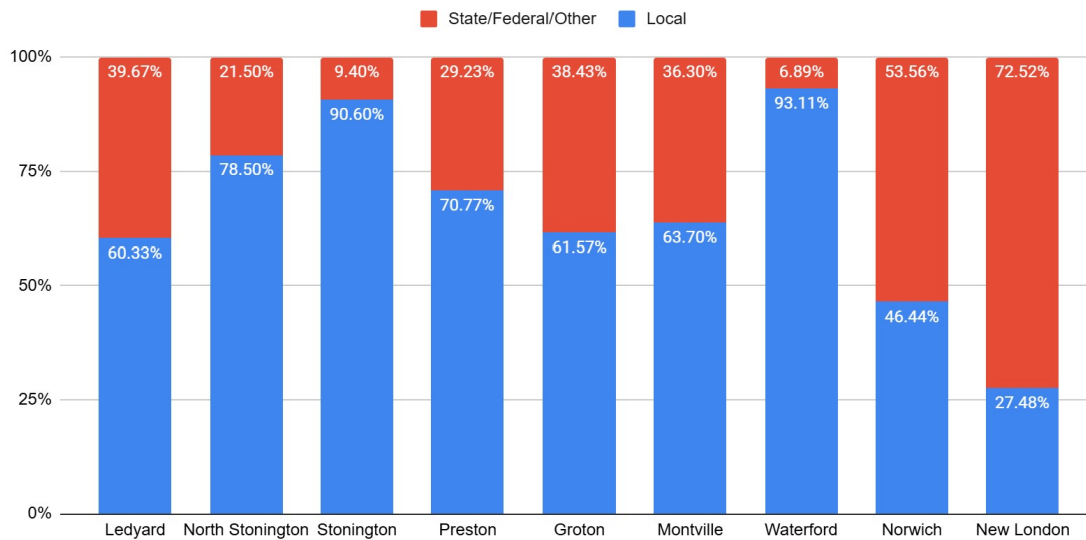
As expected, higher-poverty districts like Norwich and New London receive significantly more State and Federal funding as a percentage of their budget. While these districts benefit from greater external support, Norwich taxpayers still contribute more \$ per student than Ledyard taxpayers, whereas New London taxpayers cover a much smaller portion per student.

Ledyard spends and contributes less per student than comparable suburban and rural districts.

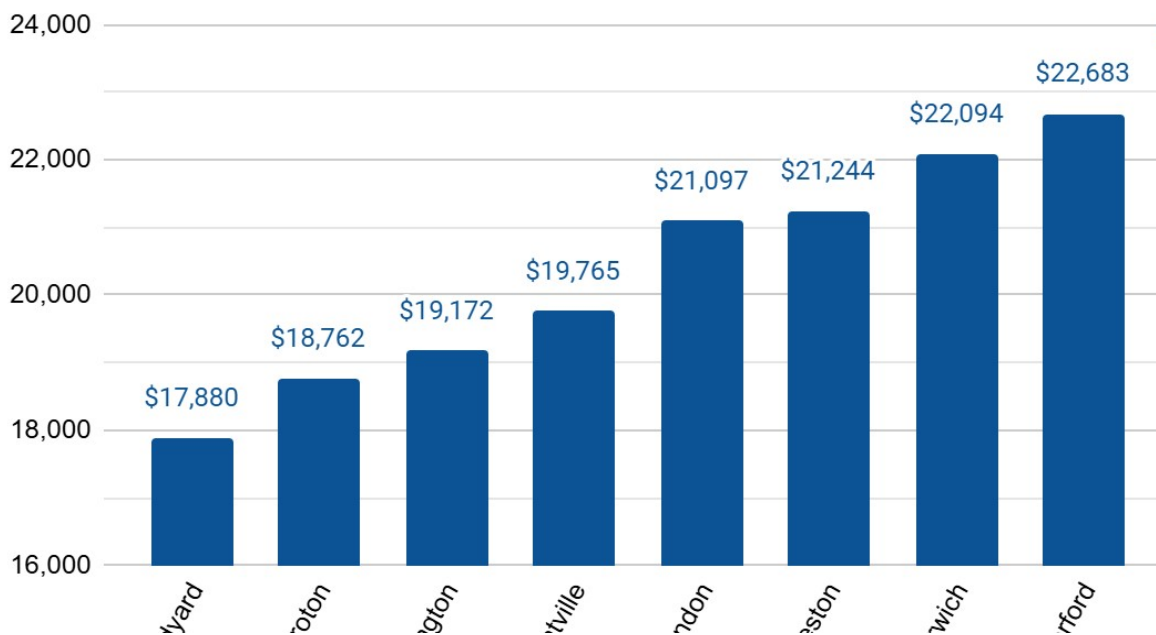
New London is an anomaly in this area, but we should be careful, as they are a "Magnet School District" with tuition students and supplemental State funding that skew their particular data. Without the tuition payments from other districts and the Magnet grants they would most likely mirror Norwich's %.

The data below outlines the share of school funding covered by local taxpayers versus state, federal, and other sources. I will ensure this information is included in future presentations.

Local and State/Federal/Other Funding



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Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions, concerns or feedback.

Thanks, -Jay

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