PETITION TO SUPPORT WATERTOWN SCHOOLS

March 18, 2009

To the Members of the Watertown School Committee and Town Council:

We are alarmed by the level-funded proposal for the school budget for FY 2010. It is essential for the sake of our children, as well as for the vitality of our community and the value of property in Watertown, that we continue to invest in our schools even in these tough economic times. We oppose the proposals to:

- eliminate art and music at the elementary level and to reduce physical education, library, and athletics across levels
- reduce student support services, including special education services
- increase class size
- reduce kindergarten to a half-day program

We the undersigned Watertown residents demand that the School Committee revisit its priorities in the budget proposal and adjust spending to protect the teachers and services listed above.

We demand that the Town Council work creatively to find ways to increase the School department budget.

RESIDENT'S NAME	RESIDENT'S SIGNATURE	RESIDENT'S ADDRESS