

# ***FARMINGTON: CRITICAL JUNCTURE***

Our town budget process is under way in Farmington. It's a good time for residents to renew their commitment to strong public schools.

We live in a knowledge economy and communities across the nation are engaged in a race to the top. It would be foolhardy for Farmington's elected leaders to retreat on the leadership that has made Farmington a place where families want to live, homes are good investments, and children are guaranteed the educational opportunities that they deserve.

The annual budget process also provides a chance for town leaders to remember their commitments and honor them. The town of Farmington has a sound fiscal standing and a solid tax base. Against this backdrop, we trust the teachers' contract negotiated last year with the Board of Education will remain intact. This contract is an obligation that the Board of Education made to teachers and their families. Collective bargaining helps establish mutual respect upon which innovative programs and educational initiatives can succeed.

At this critical juncture in budget decision making, Farmington teachers are counting on leadership from our elected officials. We're depending on community support. Please remember for every challenge facing our students today, there's a teacher ready to meet it.

## ***FARMINGTON TEACHERS: GIVING THEIR BEST EVERY DAY***

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