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Senator Mae Flexer
Co-Chair: Government Administration & Elections Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 1800
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Representative Daniel Fox
Co-Chair: Government Administration & Elections Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 2202
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Senator Flexer and Representative Fox:

Following the release of the State Auditor's report on the state's school construction financing program dated April 7, 2022, we are requesting that the Government Administration and Elections Committee immediately hold public hearings on the audit's findings and specifically examine the findings that highlight significant issues within the Department of Administrative Services. These hearings must include current and former officials involved with the management of DAS and the school construction financing program.

Connecticut has a responsibility to ensure that taxpayer sacrifices are always respected. The legislature must seek transparency and demand answers for the people we represent. Lawmakers have long raised concerns about the Governor's administration shifting management of the school construction financing program from the Department of Administrative Services to the Office of Policy and Management. We have always said that school construction financing should be free of politics and partisanship.

The alarming auditors' report demands the legislature's immediate attention. The reported federal investigation has tarnished the reputation of this vital financing program intended to support schools across the state. We must demand transparency, accountability, and answers to root out any wrongdoing and begin to rebuild public trust.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kevin C. Kelly in black ink.

Kevin C. Kelly
Senate Republican Leader

Handwritten signature of Vincent J. Candelora in black ink.

Vincent J. Candelora
House Republican Leader

Handwritten signature of Senator Paul M. Formica in black ink.

Senator Paul M. Formica
Senate Republican Leader
Pro Tempore

cc: Senator Rob Sampson, GAE Ranking Member
Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco, GAE Ranking Member