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FIRST SELECTMAN OFFERS STATEMENT ON RELEASE OF TRUMBULL C.A.P.T. AND C.M.T. SCORES

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TRUMBULL – First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst offered praise for the school district on Wednesday, touting recently released test scores for both the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (C.A.P.T.) and the Connecticut Master Test (C.M.T.) "These test scores reflect outstanding student achievement and a strong public school system," stated the First Selectman. "These test scores are the direct result of outstanding students, committed educators and engaged parents. These test scores also reflect that the school system is moving forward in a positive direction."

The First Selectman noted that on the CAPT Test, Trumbull is performing better than neighboring Fairfield in 3 out of 4 areas tested. "Although Fairfield spends more money per pupil than the Town of Trumbull, the recently released C.A.P.T. test scores show that Trumbull is performing better, both in goal and proficiency in 3 out of 4 areas that are tested, including math, science and writing. Our teachers and administrators deserve credit in making this happen."

The First Selectman also noted that the recently released Connecticut Mastery Test scores demonstrates that what is going on in the classroom is working. "Student achievement cannot only be measured by a test. However, what these test scores demonstrate is that the curriculum used in the classroom, the differentiation of instruction offered by our teachers and the collaborative practices used district wide is having a positive influence that has maintained and built upon already strong student performance." In Grade 5 for example, 93% of Trumbull students were at or above goal in Math, 84% were at or above goal in Reading, 90% were at or above goal in Writing and 86% were at or above goal in Science. The First Selectman went on to note that the school system's excellence and the strength of student performance have recently received national recognition.

"It is no coincidence that Trumbull has been ranked by *Family Circle Magazine* as the 7th best Town in the nation to raise a family," noted Herbst. "In accessing the strength of our school system on a scale of 1-10, Trumbull received a 9, which is truly amazing. These test scores are proof positive why Trumbull and its school system have received national recognition."

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