

# MANSFIELD YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

Mansfield Town Hall  
Four South Eagleville Road  
860-429-3319

## COUNSELING SERVICES

Individual and Family Therapy  
Clinical Assessments  
Psychiatric Consultation  
Medication Management  
Information and Referral  
Community Consultation

## GROUPS

Children's Groups  
Parent Groups  
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Group  
Children and Family Grief Group  
Positive Youth Development Group

## PROGRAMS

Mentoring Programs  
Mansfield Challenge  
Youth Work Employment Program  
Camperships  
School-based Programs  
Community Cultural Activities  
Volunteer Opportunities

## HOURS

Hours: Monday through Friday  
(Evening Hours by Appointment)

*Patricia Michalak, MA, CADC  
Program Coordinator*

*Kathleen McNamara, MSW  
Social Worker*



# Youth Services Bureau

Providing prevention, education, and therapeutic services to children, youth, and families in our community including:

COPE Support Group  
for Children of Divorce

Homework  
Group

Solution-Focused  
Counseling



Mansfield Early  
Care and  
Education

Peer  
Outreach

Substance-Abuse  
Prevention

Parent and Grandparent  
Education and Support

Pat Michalak, Director of Youth Services

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# Youth Services Bureau

Hours: Monday to Wednesday 8:15 am-4:30 pm; Thursday 8:15 am-6:30 pm;  
Friday 8:00 am-12:00 pm

## Girl's Group



Come explore the fun, exciting world of Creative Writing and introduce yourself to a new form of expression. We use pen and paper to explore our hopes, dreams, troubles, feelings, and much more through written words and visual art.

3-4 pm at MMS; 6 sessions per semester

The Mansfield Youth Services Bureau (YSB) provides prevention, education, and therapeutic services to children, youth and families in the community. YSB acts as the advisory council to Youth Services, the mayor, and Town Council. The Bureau works with centers and homecare providers, and stresses the importance of early education with School Readiness and Outreach Programs.

## Boy's Council



A weekly group that explores every day problems, such as school, homework, and friends, while playing games and having fun! This afterschool program is run by male college students from UConn and Eastern who act as positive role models for the members.

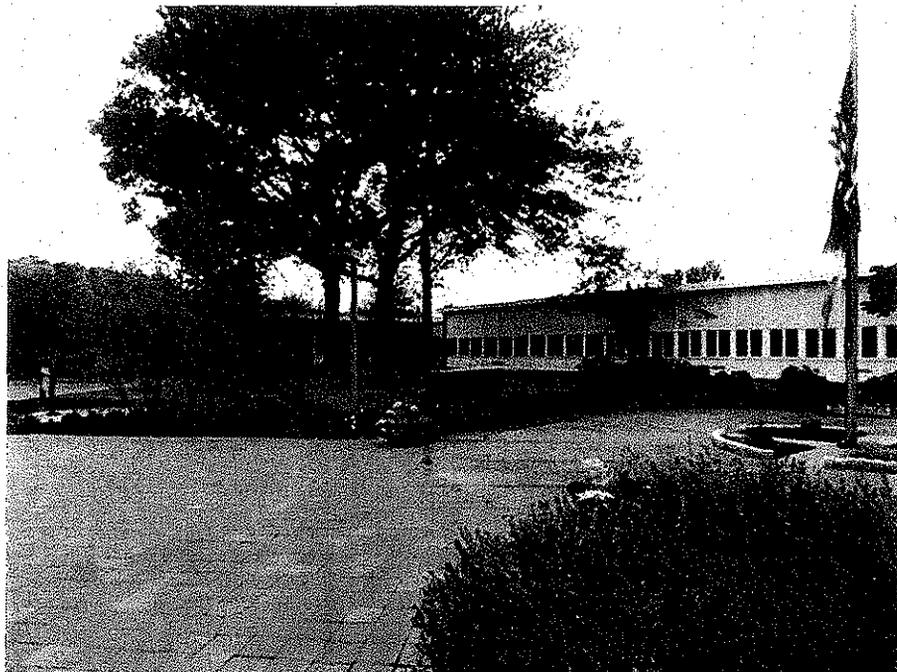
3-4 pm at MMS; 6 sessions per semester

## Big Friends



A one-on-one mentoring and tutoring program that offers continued support, guidance and assistance to kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they face challenges. We support at-risk children and their families during weekly sessions that include engaging activities for the whole group.

5:30-6:30 pm at MMS; 9 sessions per semester



## Contact Information

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Departments and Services at:  
[www.mansfieldct.gov](http://www.mansfieldct.gov)



# GRIEF MATTERS

We provide a safe + supportive environment for families to meet, share and know they are not alone.

Coping after the death of a loved one can be a challenging journey. Connecting with others who understand can help. **GRIEF MATTERS** is a grief support group offered at no charge to local families who are grieving the death of a loved one. Parents, grandparents, children, teens and young adults are invited to participate in the 5 session group. Over and over we have heard from those who are grieving that what has helped them most was talking with others who have gone through a similar experience. Previous participants have found **GRIEF MATTERS** very helpful and some have returned as volunteers to support other families.

**GRIEF MATTERS** is a structured support group for grieving families to exchange ideas and support each other in a comfortable setting. The group is held each Springtime. In early December past and current **GRIEF MATTERS** participants also meet for a potluck dinner and evening of support as the holiday season nears. It is truly a time for families to meet & share and know they are not alone.

If you and your family are interested in joining us at this community gathering, contact Pat Michalak, Director of Mansfield Youth Services Bureau, 860-429-3319 or e-mail [michalakp@mansfieldct.org](mailto:michalakp@mansfieldct.org)

**GRIEF MATTERS** is held at the Audrey P Beck Municipal Building (the Mansfield Town Hall) in Storrs.

## GRIEF MATTERS

Is sponsored by the Mansfield Youth Services Bureau



**Memo**

**To:** Mansfield Board of Education  
**From:** Fred Baruzzi, Superintendent of Schools  
**Date:** May 9, 2013  
**Re:** 2013-2014 Budget Reduction Recommendations

I write to address correspondence received on April 25, 2013 from Matt Hart, Mansfield Town Manager regarding action taken by the Mansfield Town Council at its April 24<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting.

The Mansfield Town Council reduced the Mansfield Board of Education adopted budget from \$20,941,020 (1.7%) to \$20,588,160 (0%).

I have reviewed all aspects of the 2013-2014 budget with district administrators in an effort to maintain both breadth of program and appropriate staffing levels, as well as services to our students, parents, and staff at an affordable cost to Mansfield residents.

I therefore recommend the Mansfield Board of Education approve the following reductions:

Object	Page #	Item	Reduction	Remaining Balance
112-61101-51001-03	17	1 Certified Staff (SE)	\$ 67,460	\$ 3,128,070
112-61900-53940-02, 03, 04	40	Copier Maintenance Fee (K-4)	9,000	33,000
112-61900-53940-01	41	Copier Maintenance Fee (MMS)	7,000	37,120
112-62401-51053-50	64	1 Contingency CO	3,950	53,340
112-62710-51103-50	67	1 FTE Custodian	36,700	568,840
112-62710-54606-50	67	Natural Gas	25,000	75,000
112-62801-53910-50	68	Regular Transportation (1 bus)	47,580	801,140
112-68000-52001-50	69	Social Security	5,690	190,590
112-68000-52002-50	69	Workers Compensation	6,300	158,700
112-68000-52003-50	69	MERS	11,000	329,770
112-68000-52007-50	69	Medicare	2,300	185,740
112-68000-52101-50	69	Board-Medical Insurance	45,500	1,909,750
112-68000-52108-50	69	Board - Life Insurance	280	31,020
112-61201-51101-52	87	3 Special Education Instructional Assistants	55,100	581,900
112-62802-53910-52	95	Special Education Transportation	30,000	212,000
			<b>\$ 352,860</b>	

I would be happy to provide additional information upon request.

May 7, 2013

To the Board:

I will be out of the country during our next meeting, and because the Council's cut to our proposed budget will have significant ramifications, I am writing to provide a statement to be entered into the record of this meeting. Here are my thoughts about these developments:

- I agree that, if the reduction in state funding turns out to be as severe as the Council first assumed when it voted to keep BOE funding flat, reductions in all aspects of the town budget would be appropriate. Under these circumstances, I'd have to reluctantly support a level-funding school budget.
- However, if the reduction in state funding is not as severe as initially thought, I believe that the first component of the town budget that should be restored is the cut to the proposed BOE budget.
- The rationale for this position is straightforward: Level funding is not level service. The modest funding increases we requested were to ensure that we can continue to provide the same quality education that our town has grown accustomed to. Over the last four years we've been able to maintain our excellent level of service by making more efficient use of our funds, making budgetary reductions that are only viable in the short run (e.g., reducing the budget for books and other supplies), and obtaining additional funds (e.g., Recovery Act money). After four years of level funding, these methods will no longer suffice.
- My understanding of our options at this point is that we will be able to continue to meet our goal of offering the full breadth of programs we currently offer, although the efficiency with which we implement those programs (and hence their educational value) will be diminished.
- I am concerned about the impact of level funding for the coming year, but I am especially concerned about future budgetary pressures. If we continue to fail to adjust the school budget in light of inevitable cost increases (and barring an unexpectedly large drop in enrollment), our only options will be to reduce the programs we offer, to increase class sizes, or to close one or more schools.
- Finally, I want to reiterate that level funding is not level service. I have heard both Council members and members of the public conflate these concepts, and it is vital for public discourse that the distinction is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jay Rueckl  
BOE member

**MANSFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of Education Members  
**FROM:** Fred Baruzzi  
**SUBJECT:** Enrollment  
**DATE:** 5/1/13

<b>Goodwin Elementary School</b>			
	10/1/11		5/1/13
Preschool	15, 14		16, 16
Kindergarten	15, 15, 14		15, 15, 15
1 <sup>st</sup> grade	19, 18		17, 17
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	16, 15		19, 19
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	21, 22		15, 14
4 <sup>th</sup> grade	20, 19		21, 22
<b>Total</b>	<b>223</b>		<b>221</b>
<b>Southeast Elementary School</b>			
Preschool	15, 14		16, 14
Kindergarten	16, 15, 16		17, 14, 17
1 <sup>st</sup> grade	18, 18, 16		13, 17, 16
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	19, 19		14, 14, 15
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	16, 15, 14		17, 17
4 <sup>th</sup> grade	15, 16, 15		15, 14, 14
<b>Total</b>	<b>257</b>		<b>244</b>
<b>Vinton Elementary School</b>			
Preschool	15, 14		13, 16
Kindergarten	16, 16, 17		14, 15, 14
1 <sup>st</sup> grade	16, 16, 16		16, 16, 16
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	18, 18, 18		18, 17, 17
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	21, 19		18, 17, 18
4 <sup>th</sup> grade	17, 17, 16		22, 22
<b>Total</b>	<b>270</b>		<b>269</b>
<b>Total – PK-4</b>	<b>750</b>		<b>735</b>

	10/1/11	10/1/12	11/1/12	12/1/12	1/1/13	2/1/13	3/1/13	4/1/13	5/1/13
K-4 Above Guideline	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
K-4 Below Guideline	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	3	3
K-4 Within Guideline	30	29	29	29	29	29	29	30	30
% Within Guideline	77%	74%	74%	74%	74%	74%	74%	77%	77%

### Middle School

		10/1/11	5/1/13						
			Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5	Specials I	Specials II
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	142		21, 12, 20, 18, 21, 22, 23	21, 22, 17, 19, 19, 20, 16	14, 20, 13, 23, 23, 22, 22	23, 16, 22, 14, 21, 22, 22, 20	21, 18, 11, 21, 15, 17, 20, 13	16, 16, 14, 15, 17, 17, 16, 16, 23, 22, 22, 1	19, 19, 20, 20, 17, 17, 20, 24, 23, 26, 5
6 <sup>th</sup> grade	141		19, 18, 19, 20, 20, 21, 21	18, 20, 1, 22, 2, 22, 23, 13, 21	22, 20, 19, 21, 18, 20, 22	22, 22, 17, 1, 18, 17, 23, 19	1, 15, 19, 19, 1, 19, 18, 20, 23	15, 15, 13, 12, 12, 19, 18, 17, 17, 25, 21, 25, 1, 3	13, 14, 13, 12, 14, 19, 18, 16, 17, 23, 23, 19, 1, 6
7 <sup>th</sup> grade	147		18, 23, 1, 20, 1, 12, 20, 22, 18	20, 22, 23, 1, 21, 13, 23, 20	20, 7, 1, 19, 19, 20, 22, 17, 17	16, 19, 1, 18, 16, 15, 1, 18, 17, 18, 1	20, 23, 20, 18, 21, 1, 20, 24	17, 26, 5, 15, 13, 15, 14, 17, 22, 19, 34, 18, 1, 6	24, 23, 22, 20, 19, 22, 21, 20, 29, 26, 28, 33, 1, 6
8 <sup>th</sup> grade	146		16, 20, 18, 2, 3, 1, 24, 21, 20, 20	22, 23, 19, 21, 1, 13, 21, 21	21, 22, 1, 18, 19, 21, 18, 20	19, 16, 2, 19, 22, 21, 19, 21, 1	18, 18, 4, 20, 20, 18, 1, 19, 20	15, 16, 13, 13, 19, 17, 14, 17, 26, 19, 20, 5, 1, 3	13, 19, 18, 14, 18, 19, 19, 18, 29, 23, 21, 8
<b>Total</b>	<b>576</b>		<b>565</b>						

	10/1/11		10/1/12	11/1/12	12/1/12	1/1/13	2/1/13	3/1/13	4/1/13	5/1/13
5-8 Above Guideline	39		36	35	35	35	37	35	36	36
5-8 Below Guideline	125		125	117	119	127	126	127	127	127
5-8 Within Guideline	72		71	74	69	73	70	67	70	70
% Within Guideline	30%		31%	33%	31%	31%	30%	29%	30%	30%
<b>Total – PK-8</b>	<b>1326</b>		<b>1316</b>	<b>1314</b>	<b>1316</b>	<b>1305</b>	<b>1297</b>	<b>1297</b>	<b>1299</b>	<b>1300</b>
K-8 Above Guideline	46		43	41	41	41	43	41	42	42
K-8 Below Guideline	127		128	121	123	131	130	131	130	130
K-8 Within Guideline	102		100	103	98	102	99	96	100	100
% Within Guideline	37%		37%	39%	37%	37%	36%	36%	37%	37%

47 Classes were not counted due to the nature of instruction being delivered.

Class Size Guidelines:

K-3            14-18  
 4-5            16-20  
 6-8            21-23



Mansfield, May 6 2013

From: Yalibi Nuñez-D'Addario

31 Deborah Drive – CT 06238

Dear. Mr. Thanh Nguyen, Principal- Mansfield Middle School

Mrs. Candace Morell, Assistant Principal- Mansfield Middle School

CC: Mr. Fred. Baruzzi, Superintendent- Mansfield Public Schools

Members of the Mansfield Public schools Board of Education

Please accept my resignation as a French and ESL Teacher at Mansfield Middle School, effective June 25, 2013.

The past two years at Mansfield Middle School have been a personally and professionally rewarding experience. I have sincerely enjoyed teaching here and will never forget the time I've spent with my students and fellow staff members. I particularly have valued the collegiality from the world language teachers and support from the administrators.

However, after a lengthy consideration, my husband and I feel it is best for us to move out of state and for me to find employment that will offer me a full-time position, as well as pay scale recognizing my two Master's degrees and three teaching certifications. I will miss teaching here, but I feel it is the best decision for my family.

I will be sure to leave both my students' records and classroom in order and will follow the necessary protocol for leaving my position. I have truly enjoyed being an educator in this district.

Best regards,

Mrs. Yalibi Marjolaine Nuñez - D'Addario, M.S., M.Ed.

## CAPSS Responds to Appropriations Committee's 2013-2015 Biennial Budget

**West Hartford, Conn. (May 6, 2013)** – The Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS), a statewide nonprofit educational administration organization which represents public school superintendents, assistant superintendents and other educational leaders across the state, is voicing concern over the 2013-2015 biennial budget released by the Appropriations Committee last week.

“As it stands, the budget will severely impact the services that all school districts provide to students.” said Joseph Cirsuolo, Executive Director of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS). “The disruptions in local school operations posed by this budget have led CAPSS to reconsider its position on school reform efforts.”

Among the key areas threatened by the Appropriations Committee's budget are transportation, special education services, educator evaluation and the school reform package.

With regards to transportation, CAPSS urges the legislature to restore the \$25,784,748 public school transportation budget that the Appropriations Committee eliminated from the budget and replaced with a \$5,000,000 competitive transportation grant. Regarding non-public school transportation, CAPSS urges the legislature to restore the non-public school transportation grant, reduced by Appropriations to the \$719,100 level, to the \$3,595,500 level. Further, since regional school districts do not receive ECS grants directly, the elimination of the transportation grant that they do receive in order to enhance the ECS grant offers no benefit. Therefore, the Appropriations Committee has cost these districts both transportation and ECS support. CAPSS urges the legislature to restore the ‘hold harmless’ funds for regional school districts.

With regards to special education services, CAPSS urges the legislature to remove the cap on the excess cost grant given that expenses for special education services increase at a higher rate than for general education.

As for implementation of the education reform package, which CAPSS has historically supported, the group encourages the legislature to reconsider several of the recommendations and funding outlined in the Appropriations Budget.

CAPSS feels strongly that implementing educator evaluation, even with a two-year phase-in, it is not realistic with \$3,325,000 in training support eliminated from the budget. Therefore, CAPSS strongly encourages the legislature to restore the \$3,325,000 training grant.

As outlined by the Appropriations Committee, the 2013-2015 biennial budget offers no support for implementation of Common Core Curriculum. CAPSS urges the legislature to assist districts with Common Core implementation.

Also among the threats to education support and funding, as outlined in the Appropriations Budget, is the number of Commissioner's Network schools eligible services. CAPSS urges the legislature to support the implementation of the Commissioner's Network schools at the level recommended by Governor Dannel P. Malloy, rather than the targeted increase to 12 schools by 2015.

“The State has asked schools to operate and reform at the same time, yet the Appropriations Committee's recommendations do not include funding levels that appropriately support these efforts,” Cirsuolo said. “Therefore, we are calling upon the legislature to allocate the funds necessary to take Connecticut's public schools to the level of performance that all children deserve.”

### **About The Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents:**

The Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS), based in West Hartford, CT, has been the voice of superintendents of schools in Connecticut for 104 years. The mission of the CAPSS is to lead the continuous improvement of public education for all students by advocating public policy for children and by developing and supporting executive school leaders. To learn more, visit [www.capss.org](http://www.capss.org).