

What Can You Do to Improve Eli Whitney Technical High School?

1. CALL GOVERNOR JODI RELL - (860) 566-4840 or 1-800-406-1527

- Give your name and tell Governor Rell that your child is a student at Eli Whitney Technical High School.
- Explain the conditions your child is forced to endure at the school.
- Ask Governor Rell why your child is forced to learn in a decaying building when other technical high school students are attending state of the art schools.
- Remind Governor Rell that in a recession, it is more important than ever for students to learn a trade that allows them to bring skills to the workplace. The economy is not an excuse to shortchange Eli Whitney students.
- **URGE GOVERNOR RELL TO MAKE AN IMMEDIATE INVESTMENT IN ELI WHITNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL.** Ask her to put the \$98 million for renovations and new construction the legislature already approved for Eli Whitney on the agenda for the next State Bond Committee Meeting.

2. SEND A LETTER AND/OR E-MAIL TO GOVERNOR JODI RELL

- Office of the Governor, State Capitol, 210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 or Governor.Rell@cga.gov
- Dear Governor Rell,

My name is ____ and my child, ____ (name) ____, is a student at Eli Whitney Technical High School. He/She is studying ____ (trade) ____.

The conditions at Eli Whitney are appalling. The electrical and heating systems are in need of repair. Classrooms lack sufficient space and teachers don't have the materials they need to teach effectively. Science laboratories don't even have adequate plumbing. The school is in desperate need of immediate renovation and repair.

You have seen fit to invest in other technical high schools in recent years. Students at those schools are learning with modern equipment and will graduate with a far greater advantage than my child. Why shouldn't my child have those same opportunities?

We are all feeling the effects of bad economy, but shortchanging Hamden-area students is not the way to see our way through tough economic times. By giving students the skills they need to enter the marketplace with tangible, employable skills, the technical high school system has proven it is worthy of investment. Renovating Eli Whitney would create construction and engineering jobs while providing essential training to our students.

I am asking you to stop delaying renovations at Eli Whitney Technical High School. Please add the \$98 million the legislature already approved to update the school to the State Bond Commission's next agenda.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Your Name

CC: Your State Representative
Your State Senator