

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING THE SPRINGDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ON WINNING THE SIXTH ANNUAL FAIRFIELD COUNTY
ACADEMIC GAIN AWARD FROM THE LONE PINE FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, the Lone Pine Foundation (the "Foundation") supports programs that serve low-income children and families in the areas of education and youth development and that have demonstrated their impact on education in several locations, including Fairfield County; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation's Fairfield County Academic Gain Award ("Award") is designed to acknowledge the public elementary schools that have made the greatest academic gain in student achievement, to create incentives for other schools to work towards significant academic gains and to share the effective practices used by these high achieving schools; and

WHEREAS, each year a winner is selected based upon student progress as demonstrated by the Connecticut Mastery Test and a site visit to determine the improvements made in student achievement, the quality of education provided, and the level of sustainability of the academic success at the school; and

WHEREAS, all finalist schools receive \$1,000 to be used at the school's discretion for academic gain and every full time employee from the prior academic year at the winning school receives \$500; part time employees receive \$250; and

WHEREAS, Springdale Elementary School won the award for 2012, based upon the progress made by its students on the Connecticut Mastery Test, as well as the school's collaborative leadership, commitment to professional training and parental involvement; and

WHEREAS, as a result of its selection as the winner of the 2012 award, Springdale Elementary School received \$1,000 to be used at the school's discretion for academic gain, every full time employee at the school received \$500; and every part time employee received \$250.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 28th Board of Representatives congratulates Principal Anne Downey and the entire faculty and staff of the Springdale Elementary School on the school's receipt of the 2012 Fairfield County Academic Gain award.

Submitted by the 28th Board of Representatives
Approved by the 28th Board of Representatives this 7th day of January, 2013

Randall M. Skigen, President
28th Board of Representatives

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk
28th Board of Representatives