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Waterbury Public School Staff,

In Waterbury Public Schools, we honor and recognize the impact high quality education has on our students and community. Postsecondary education is essential, as students have the opportunity to learn and advance into a career path of their choice. As Waterbury Public School employees we have the opportunity to help support our students and assist in building a generation of college graduates.

Established in 2021 in partnership with the City of Waterbury and Waterbury Public Schools, Waterbury Promise is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Waterbury Promise's mission is to **increase college aspirations, reduce financial barriers and inspire every student toward post-secondary education and completion.** Waterbury Promise is a last-dollar scholarship and provides critical support services to students.

We are honored to support the Waterbury Promise payroll deduction plan dedicated to granting WPS staff the convenience of supporting our talented students! The new payroll deduction program allows WPS staff to set up a secure way to donate towards the Waterbury Promise Program. Waterbury Promise is already serving nearly 400 Waterbury high school graduates across 17 Connecticut colleges and universities.

Please join me in supporting this transformational program by making a contribution of any size to the Waterbury Promise. This makes a huge impact on our scholars as you invest in their future in their pursuit of earning a degree. Help create a brighter future for our talent students. For more information about Waterbury Promise and how you can contribute, visit [www.waterburypromise.org](http://www.waterburypromise.org).

Sincerely,

Dr. Verna D. Ruffin, Ed.D.  
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