"THE DEBT BOMB IS ABOUT TO DETONATE"
YOU NEED TO KNOW THE TRUTH FOR TAXPAYERS, "THIS IS WESTPORT'S BIG DIG"

WESTPORT TAXPAYERS ARE BEING ASKED TO BORROW $60 MILLION
TOWN MEETING VOTE PUT TAXPAYERS ON THE HOOK FOR $96.885 MILLION
NOW THE BALLOT IS AN OPEN-END "BLANK CHECK" WITH NO DOLLAR AMOUNT
TO CONSTRUCT A $100 MILLION SCHOOL WE DON'T NEED AND CANNOT AFFORD TO OPERATE

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING AND VOTE NO ON FEBRUARY 27TH

- CAN YOU AFFORD AN IMMEDIATE $500.00-$600.00 ANNUAL INCREASE IN YOUR PROPERTY TAX AND YEARLY TAX INCREASES FOR THE NEXT 30 YEARS JUST TO PAY FOR THE NEW SCHOOL ALONE?

- HAVE THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS OR TEACHERS' UNION MADE ANY OPERATING COST CONCESSIONS?

- CAN YOU AFFORD TO CLOSE THE LIBRARY AND THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BECAUSE THERE WILL BE NO WATER OR SEWAGE SYSTEM DURING THE DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION AT THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED 5-12 SCHOOL?

- ARE YOU PREPARED TO DEAL WITH ANNUAL PROP 2 1/2 OVERRIDE TO PAY FOR HUGE INCREASES IN THE TOWN'S OPERATING COSTS?

- ARE WE OVERLOOKING THE COST OF A MASSIVE NEW POLICE STATION IN OUR RUSH TO BORROW AN ADDITIONAL $60 MILLION?
• OUR SCHOOL POPULATION IS DOWN 19.7% SINCE 1992
• OUR HIGH SCHOOL IS DOWN 22.7% SINCE 1992
• OUR 2025 PROJECTED HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS 323 (81 PER CLASS)
• OVER ONE-HALF OF LAST JUNE’S 2017 8TH GRADE CLASS OF 110 STUDENTS LEFT WESTPORT TO GO ELSEWHERE FOR THEIR HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION
• DARTMOUTH’S OWN HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT HAS DECREASED OVER 300 STUDENTS IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS
• NOT ONE WORD HAS BEEN SPOKEN ON ANY OPERATING COST BENEFIT OR REDUCTION BY COMBINING OR CONSOLIDATING ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY OR STAFF.
• NO WESTPORT TOWN OFFICIAL HAS TALKED TO DARTMOUTH IN THE LAST SEVEN YEARS ABOUT POSSIBLE HIGH SCHOOL COLLABORATION

• NEW COMPETITIVE STUDENT OPTIONS/SEATING CAPACITY ARE NOW COMING ON STREAM: ATLANTIS CHARTER SCHOOL—1435 STUDENTS; DIMAN REGIONAL—300 STUDENTS
• THE FEDERAL COURT HAS TWICE RULED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THERE IS NO REASON TO CLOSE THE EXISTING MIDDLE SCHOOL
• OUR TOWN INDEBTEDNESS AND UNFUNDED RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS ARE A “TICKING TIME BOMB” THAT WILL APPROACH $200 MILLION WITH THE NEW BORROWING FOR THE THREE TAJ MAHALS, THE FIRE STATION, THE MASSIVE POLICE STATION, AND THE PROPOSED MASSIVE HIGH SCHOOL FOR A TOWN OF 15,000 WITH A LIMITED OPERATING BUDGET.

    DO NOT FORGET THE TAXPAYER ABUSES IN THE FIRE STATION FIASCO AND IMAGINE WHAT ABUSES WILL OCCUR WITH A TAXPAYER FUNDED $100 MILLION PROJECT!

• ON FEBRUARY 27TH PROTECT YOUR INTEREST AND YOUR FUTURE AND VOTE “NO”!
• STOP IGNORING THE DEMOGRAPHIC FACTS!
• STOP THE “TICKING TIME BOMB” AND THE ONRUSHING FREIGHT TRAIN OF HUGE OVERRIDE AND TAX INCREASES!
• PAUSE, STEP BACK, TAKE A BREATH

    ...ASK YOURSELVES THE CENTRAL QUESTION THAT HAS BEEN IGNORED THROUGH THIS ENTIRE PROCESS; HOW, WHERE, AND AT WHAT COST CAN WE PROVIDE OUR STUDENTS WITH THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION?