



## State of Connecticut

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Senator Looney and Speaker Ritter:

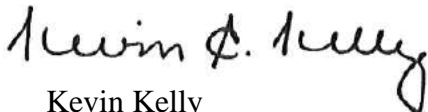
Following the release of records by the Governor's office, it has been reported that federal authorities are conducting an investigation involving contracts for school construction overseen by the executive branch. It is alarming that federal authorities are allegedly investigating contracts overseen by the state for potential wrongdoing.

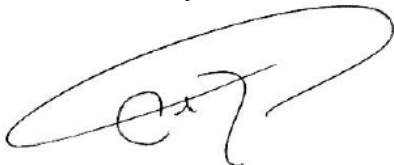
Therefore, we ask that the General Assembly immediately call a public hearing to examine the state's school construction financing program. We ask that executive branch officials involved in the management and oversight of the school construction program come before members of the General Assembly to answer our questions and provide insight into the program's operation and management. We also ask that you join us in our call to the State Auditors for a thorough audit of the school construction program.

Connecticut has a responsibility to ensure that taxpayer sacrifices are always respected. The legislature must seek transparency and demand answers for the people we represent.

Lawmakers have long raised concerns about the Governor's administration shifting management of the school construction financing program from the Department of Administrative Services to the Office of Policy and Management. We have always said that school construction financing should be free of politics and partisanship. The reported federal investigation has tarnished the reputation of this vital financing program intended to support schools across the state. We must demand transparency, accountability, and answers to root out any wrongdoing and begin to rebuild public trust.

Sincerely,

  
Kevin Kelly



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