Here is the Problem:

In Connecticut, 1 out of 10 state residents do not have their high school diploma*
More than 320,000 or 11.9% of Connecticut residents do not have a diploma, and more than 120,000 or 4.4% of Connecticut residents struggle to speak English*
In the Northwest Region, 52880 residents do not have their high school diploma and 17606 residents struggle to speak English.*
In Waterbury, 17647 residents do not have their high school diploma and 6504 residents struggle to speak English.*
*Data from CT State Department of Education

Here is the Plan: “No Excuses 2.0 – March for Education” - Thursday, September 24, 2020

This unique, annual march began last year in New Haven. This year it will be organized in the Northwest Region, and hosted in Waterbury. The goal is to create a local, state, and national platform focused on the programs and services of Adult Education; and to encourage residents to return to school to receive their high school diploma or improve their English. We will recruit students and community partners to bring awareness to adult education. The March will kick off at the Brass Mill Center parking lot and travel through beautiful downtown Waterbury, showcasing city schools. The March will culminate on the historic Waterbury Green with an inspiring rally and community resource fair focusing on post-secondary education and job training. We are confident that this march will receive national media attention, while changing lives.

What can YOU do?

Join us for breakfast, generously sponsored by Naugatuck Valley Community College, to learn how your organization can support the “No Excuses 2.0” movement.

Tuesday, March 24, 2020  8:00-9:30
Naugatuck Valley Community College Technology Hall (room 531)
50 Chase Pkwy., Waterbury, CT 06708

For questions and to RSVP please email: Noexcuses@caace.org. The struggle is real, but the rewards are endless!

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