

## ANALYSIS OF EDUCATION FUNDING PROPOSALS

September 13, 2017

The purpose of this document is to estimate the impact of school finance proposals, which have emerged during this year's regular and special legislative sessions, on state education funding to individual municipalities and school choice programs. This document contains comparison tables that illustrate the estimated impact, as compared to fiscal year 2017 levels, of funding formulas and other major state education aid programs for three school finance systems that have been proposed thus far:

1. Governor Dannel Malloy's Revised Proposed Budget<sup>1,A</sup>
2. Senate and House Republican Revised Proposed Budget<sup>2,3</sup>
3. House Democrat Revised Proposed Budget<sup>4</sup>

Table 1 below contains the proposed appropriations for the Connecticut Technical High School System, State Magnet, and Charter School grants. Proposed decreases in state education funding in FY 2018 under a funding proposal are highlighted in red, while state education funding that is proposed to remain the same is highlighted in yellow.

**Table 1: Choice Program FY 2018 Proposed Appropriations**

| Grant   | FY 2017 Appropriation <sup>5</sup> | Governor's Revised Proposed FY 2018 Funding (September 8) <sup>6</sup> | Senate & House Republican Revised Proposed FY 2018 Funding (September 12) <sup>7</sup> | House Democrat Revised Proposed FY 2018 Funding (August 23) <sup>8</sup> |
|---|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Charter Schools<sup>B</sup></b>                          | \$111,223,823                      | \$110,259,500  | \$107,321,500  | \$109,501,250  |
| <b>Magnet Schools</b>                                       | \$313,058,158                      | \$313,058,158  | \$311,508,158  | \$313,058,158  |
| <b>Connecticut Technical High School System<sup>C</sup></b> | \$163,367,535                      | \$157,736,887  | \$158,466,509  | \$157,736,887  |

<sup>A</sup> It is important to note that the Governor's Revised Proposed Budget of September 8, 2017 is not the same as the Governor's Revised Executive Order Resource Allocation Plan, which the State is currently operating under due to the lack of a state budget. Additionally, the Revised Executive Order Resource Allocation has not been included in this analysis as it is meant to be a temporary funding plan, rather than a permanent solution, and it does not statutorily change Connecticut's school finance system.

<sup>B</sup> This row combines State and local Charter School appropriations and proposed funding into a single line item. The Governor's Revised Proposed Budget renames the Local Charter Schools line item (12549) to New or Replicated Schools, and separates charter schools into two budget lines and funds them in the following manner: New or Replicated Schools: \$438,000; Charter Schools: \$109,821,500. The House Democrat Revised Proposed Budget separates charter schools into two budget lines and funds them in the following manner: Local Charter Schools: \$480,000; Charter Schools: \$109,021,250. For comparative purposes, these lines have been combined in the above table into a single Charter Schools line.

<sup>C</sup> The Governor's Revised Proposed Budget separates funding for the Connecticut Technical High School System into two budget lines and funds them in the following manner: Regional Vocational-Technical School System: \$133,875,227; and Technical High Schools – Other Expenses: \$23,861,660. For comparative purposes, these lines have been combined in the above table into a single Connecticut Technical High School System line. The House Democrat Revised Proposed Budget separates funding for the Connecticut Technical High School System into two budget lines and funds them in the following manner: Technical High Schools – Personal Services: \$133,875,227; and Technical High Schools – Other Expenses: \$23,861,660. For comparative purposes, these lines have been combined in the above table into a single Connecticut Technical High School System line.

The table below is a comparison of town education grant estimates based on the proposals, mentioned above, that would alter Connecticut's school finance system. The table details the FY 2018 net increase/decrease in state education funding for each Connecticut town. Included in these estimates are only education grants to municipalities in which the total grant allocation exceeded \$10 million in FY 2017.

Although the *Sheff* Settlement and Adult Education grants both exceed \$10 million in statewide allocation, they were not included due to irregularity in appropriation (*Sheff* Settlement), and relationship to public K-12 education (Adult Education). The list of education grants included in the estimates is below:<sup>9</sup>

1. Education Cost Sharing (FY 2017 with rescissions)
2. Special Education Excess Cost
3. State Magnet School
4. Commissioner's Network
5. Vocational Agriculture
6. Open Choice
7. Priority School Districts

The inclusion of education grants less than \$10 million may impact the calculation of total proposed state aid to municipalities and the determination of whether or not a town is proposed to receive more state education funding in total than it currently receives.

The FY 2018 net change estimates in Table 2 were created by applying the proposed percentage change in the total appropriation of a grant (with the exception of the formula calculation of the ECS grant) in each funding proposal from the sum of grant payments in FY 2017 to each actual town grant in FY 2017. If a funding proposal separated the portion of ECS attributed to special education from the ECS grant, this separated grant was included. In the case of the Senate and House Republican Revised Proposed Budget, the Special Education Grants to regional school districts were allocated to member towns based on the proportion of students attending the regional school district from the district's member towns.

Please note that while each funding proposal contains details for FY 2019, FY 2019 has not been analyzed here and could impact the amount received by each town in 2019.

Towns projected to receive an increase in state education funding in FY 2018 under a proposed budget are highlighted in green, while towns projected to receive a decrease in state education funding are highlighted in red.

Table 2: Estimated Town-by-Town Net Change in State Education Funding for FY 2018

| Town          | FY 2017 Current Funding <sup>10,11</sup> | Governor's Revised Proposed FY 2018 Funding (Sept. 8) <sup>12</sup> | Senate & House Republican Revised Proposed FY 2018 Funding (Sept. 12) <sup>13,14,15</sup> | House Democrat Revised Proposed FY 2018 Funding (Aug. 23) <sup>16</sup> |
|---------------|--|---|---|---|
| Andover       | \$2,408,281                              | -\$355,964  | -\$91,494   | -\$283,395  |
| Ansonia       | \$17,858,541                             | \$153,833   | \$1,174,590   | \$259,956   |
| Ashford       | \$4,024,685                              | -\$528,788  | \$14,770  | -\$476,989  |
| Avon          | \$3,116,504                              | -\$632,173  | -\$137,898  | \$199,747   |
| Barkhamsted   | \$1,814,743                              | -\$416,941  | \$148,424   | \$12,304  |
| Beacon Falls  | \$4,312,894                              | -\$356,808  | -\$7,171  | \$30,013  |
| Berlin        | \$7,406,082                              | -\$2,807,059  | \$457,754   | \$155,864   |
| Bethany       | \$2,286,127                              | -\$368,376  | -\$104,527  | \$32,664  |
| Bethel        | \$8,906,696                              | -\$2,935,691  | \$372,214   | \$124,823   |
| Bethlehem     | \$1,631,008                              | -\$289,707  | -\$112,982  | -\$73,893   |
| Bloomfield    | \$11,855,330                             | -\$10,534   | \$38,216  | \$110,138   |
| Bolton        | \$3,681,252                              | -\$342,795  | -\$93,886   | \$59,912  |
| Bozrah        | \$1,223,830                              | -\$193,540  | \$270,079   | \$7,453   |
| Branford      | \$2,966,358                              | -\$553,380  | \$976,233   | \$191,075   |
| Bridgeport    | \$204,414,619                            | \$272,091   | -\$7,016,250  | \$1,528,052   |
| Bridgewater   | \$23,149                                 | -\$23,012   | \$43,182  | -\$23,002   |
| Bristol       | \$49,189,087                             | \$61,159  | -\$493,340  | \$659,119   |
| Brookfield    | \$2,071,212                              | -\$1,408,678  | \$258,346   | \$84,783  |
| Brooklyn      | \$7,397,332                              | -\$974,749  | \$150,366   | \$65,091  |
| Burlington    | \$4,702,178                              | -\$709,690  | \$82,696  | \$41,588  |
| Canaan        | \$286,426                                | -\$63,679   | \$9,656   | -\$301  |
| Canterbury    | \$4,665,608                              | -\$726,082  | \$112,810   | -\$1,019,245  |
| Canton        | \$4,782,638                              | -\$1,373,096  | -\$122,783  | \$143,370   |
| Chaplin       | \$1,857,013                              | -\$257,430  | \$44,605  | -\$277,674  |
| Cheshire      | \$10,188,710                             | -\$4,186,808  | \$1,129,834   | \$125,698   |
| Chester       | \$710,278                                | \$27,112  | \$206,411   | \$23,439  |
| Clinton       | \$6,628,785                              | -\$1,353,454  | -\$80,067   | \$36,539  |
| Colchester    | \$14,273,964                             | -\$1,846,605  | -\$63,242   | -\$1,056,478  |
| Colebrook     | \$566,729                                | -\$102,446  | \$31,133  | \$3,793   |
| Columbia      | \$2,809,178                              | -\$368,946  | \$618,678   | \$29,216  |
| Cornwall      | \$76,749                                 | -\$9,957  | \$52,753  | -\$8,177  |
| Coventry      | \$9,488,109                              | -\$1,214,984  | -\$375,036  | -\$686,375  |
| Cromwell      | \$6,053,258                              | \$58,801  | \$167,639   | \$193,546   |
| Danbury       | \$36,067,854                             | \$1,945,997   | \$4,149,047   | \$775,359   |
| Darien        | \$3,268,129                              | -\$366,317  | -\$1,778,041  | -\$152,508  |
| Deep River    | \$1,842,198                              | -\$422,298  | \$112,980   | \$33,012  |
| Derby         | \$9,273,817                              | \$302,253   | \$615,912   | \$131,306   |
| Durham        | \$4,125,089                              | -\$957,687  | \$112,466   | -\$844,604  |
| East Granby   | \$2,105,397                              | -\$275,028  | \$604,391   | \$82,571  |
| East Haddam   | \$3,956,591                              | -\$441,886  | \$197,344   | \$38,247  |
| East Hampton  | \$8,012,127                              | -\$1,082,374  | \$91,340  | \$49,172  |
| East Hartford | \$54,989,120                             | \$286,192   | -\$4,992,669  | \$618,489   |
| East Haven    | \$20,342,329                             | \$13,272  | \$563,357   | \$166,086   |

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|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| East Lyme     | \$7,668,337   | -\$1,264,506 | \$86,548     | \$98,606    |
| East Windsor  | \$6,271,124   | \$36,338     | \$653,635    | \$52,647    |
| Eastford      | \$1,096,204   | -\$164,480   | -\$30,588    | -\$124,330  |
| Easton        | \$1,121,819   | -\$159,747   | -\$375,162   | -\$95,112   |
| Ellington     | \$10,455,926  | -\$1,786,290 | \$83,634     | \$120,813   |
| Enfield       | \$30,630,419  | -\$2,621,982 | \$605,574    | \$324,519   |
| Essex         | \$301,518     | -\$102,280   | \$346,719    | \$20,350    |
| Fairfield     | \$4,798,250   | -\$1,021,984 | -\$192,002   | -\$765,210  |
| Farmington    | \$2,519,222   | -\$1,025,274 | \$737,100    | \$186,689   |
| Franklin      | \$924,410     | -\$193,446   | -\$24,221    | -\$66,310   |
| Glastonbury   | \$8,134,527   | -\$6,650,916 | \$249,395    | \$166,319   |
| Goshen        | \$370,982     | -\$101,110   | \$145,300    | -\$99,674   |
| Granby        | \$6,457,560   | -\$1,631,647 | -\$356,157   | \$101,717   |
| Greenwich     | \$1,021,858   | -\$124,374   | \$1,007,811  | -\$58,247   |
| Griswold      | \$11,309,715  | -\$1,249,155 | \$331,804    | \$92,245    |
| Groton        | \$26,144,507  | \$13,675     | \$495,134    | \$121,225   |
| Guilford      | \$4,238,876   | -\$2,719,540 | -\$359,369   | \$149,384   |
| Haddam        | \$2,319,904   | -\$561,836   | \$185,218    | \$66,435    |
| Hamden        | \$28,624,296  | \$731,556    | \$6,653,314  | \$435,404   |
| Hampton       | \$1,312,397   | -\$198,910   | -\$3,091     | -\$271,879  |
| Hartford      | \$277,236,022 | \$450,293    | \$5,639,976  | \$2,538,103 |
| Hartland      | \$1,327,652   | -\$272,584   | \$58,640     | -\$271,117  |
| Harwinton     | \$2,891,588   | -\$430,605   | -\$73,447    | \$23,117    |
| Hebron        | \$7,164,117   | -\$1,008,738 | -\$203,969   | -\$435,656  |
| Kent          | \$128,777     | -\$30,040    | \$144,085    | -\$27,410   |
| Killingly     | \$16,989,596  | -\$18,049    | \$2,229,274  | \$82,093    |
| Killingworth  | \$2,423,009   | -\$660,754   | -\$113,566   | -\$285,638  |
| Lebanon       | \$6,156,641   | -\$929,040   | \$79,225     | -\$841,670  |
| Ledyard       | \$13,636,471  | -\$1,264,404 | \$642,374    | \$42,699    |
| Lisbon        | \$3,823,496   | -\$677,452   | -\$268,602   | -\$944,956  |
| Litchfield    | \$1,675,386   | -\$409,044   | \$30,151     | \$38,147    |
| Lyme          | \$97,000      | -\$62,617    | \$71,266     | -\$60,265   |
| Madison       | \$1,189,673   | -\$436,012   | \$324,329    | -\$380,481  |
| Manchester    | \$35,250,848  | \$278,074    | \$2,443,107  | \$393,378   |
| Mansfield     | \$10,452,589  | -\$807,328   | \$470,301    | \$51,845    |
| Marlborough   | \$3,321,621   | -\$560,440   | -\$46,801    | \$16,634    |
| Meriden       | \$63,331,250  | \$34,238     | \$270,046    | \$463,112   |
| Middlebury    | \$1,437,567   | -\$847,002   | \$382,995    | \$78,161    |
| Middlefield   | \$2,221,766   | -\$313,236   | \$38,469     | \$13,478    |
| Middletown    | \$22,202,355  | \$657,403    | \$3,256,061  | \$428,888   |
| Milford       | \$12,435,310  | -\$2,846,185 | \$969,553    | \$243,640   |
| Monroe        | \$7,369,909   | -\$1,905,878 | -\$511,395   | \$96,112    |
| Montville     | \$12,986,284  | -\$1,590,198 | \$632,421    | \$84,812    |
| Morris        | \$348,829     | -\$118,469   | \$130,946    | -\$6,627    |
| Naugatuck     | \$30,882,449  | \$6,212      | -\$436,403   | \$143,581   |
| New Britain   | \$91,932,917  | \$1,316,638  | \$2,395,817  | \$1,081,168 |
| New Canaan    | \$1,337,590   | -\$325,525   | -\$243,188   | -\$251,051  |
| New Fairfield | \$4,566,292   | -\$1,235,314 | \$278,906    | \$36,736    |
| New Hartford  | \$3,457,000   | -\$1,055,139 | \$252,488    | \$21,973    |
| New Haven     | \$205,142,834 | \$421,598    | -\$5,425,407 | \$1,577,231 |

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| New London       | \$35,864,639 | \$326,763    | \$2,303,509 | \$371,766    |
| New Milford      | \$12,631,069 | -\$1,717,973 | \$125,123   | \$141,690    |
| Newington        | \$13,874,421 | -\$1,106,203 | \$922,776   | \$203,561    |
| Newtown          | \$6,455,377  | -\$4,506,386 | \$372,760   | \$213,242    |
| Norfolk          | \$88,293     | -\$27,646    | \$100,746   | \$1,971      |
| North Branford   | \$8,308,561  | -\$1,200,685 | \$12,290    | \$20,423     |
| North Canaan     | \$2,244,462  | -\$297,555   | \$17,575    | -\$1,956     |
| North Haven      | \$5,409,220  | -\$1,459,121 | \$714,827   | \$236,791    |
| North Stonington | \$2,834,470  | -\$444,684   | -\$92,073   | \$6,272      |
| Norwalk          | \$21,991,719 | \$590,425    | -\$79,502   | \$745,442    |
| Norwich          | \$39,596,605 | \$88,626     | \$2,480,906 | \$450,314    |
| Old Lyme         | \$375,021    | -\$245,762   | \$246,573   | -\$236,921   |
| Old Saybrook     | \$608,443    | -\$116,058   | \$47,465    | -\$79,778    |
| Orange           | \$2,411,223  | -\$1,492,659 | \$5,594     | \$54,437     |
| Oxford           | \$5,111,725  | -\$1,268,299 | -\$153,985  | \$58,689     |
| Plainfield       | \$16,081,864 | -\$1,205,088 | -\$91,497   | \$75,963     |
| Plainville       | \$12,635,778 | \$114,760    | \$597,585   | \$286,002    |
| Plymouth         | \$10,713,264 | -\$623,437   | \$183,110   | \$92,152     |
| Pomfret          | \$3,571,325  | -\$442,026   | \$18,440    | -\$277,644   |
| Portland         | \$4,957,370  | -\$400,717   | \$103,202   | \$89,223     |
| Preston          | \$3,339,565  | -\$692,669   | \$343,604   | \$39,664     |
| Prospect         | \$5,671,419  | -\$758,852   | \$206,719   | \$35,990     |
| Putnam           | \$9,532,318  | \$12,161     | \$292,527   | \$61,818     |
| Redding          | \$1,087,443  | -\$167,092   | -\$267,294  | -\$100,850   |
| Ridgefield       | \$2,192,082  | -\$548,789   | -\$615,110  | -\$427,709   |
| Rocky Hill       | \$4,805,206  | \$197,822    | \$753,897   | \$177,870    |
| Roxbury          | \$33,812     | -\$33,609    | \$79,209    | -\$33,594    |
| Salem            | \$3,239,117  | -\$565,844   | \$249,305   | -\$599,926   |
| Salisbury        | \$156,485    | -\$17,092    | \$101,362   | -\$13,378    |
| Scotland         | \$1,481,369  | -\$190,440   | \$116,862   | -\$225,232   |
| Seymour          | \$10,799,444 | -\$1,341,332 | \$415,628   | \$119,756    |
| Sharon           | \$146,473    | -\$15,792    | \$75,194    | -\$12,311    |
| Shelton          | \$7,455,805  | -\$2,026,487 | \$514,965   | \$298,534    |
| Sherman          | \$86,044     | -\$46,055    | \$120,819   | -\$43,108    |
| Simsbury         | \$8,168,721  | -\$2,683,090 | \$327,576   | \$257,680    |
| Somers           | \$6,199,789  | -\$1,480,119 | \$430,355   | \$39,984     |
| South Windsor    | \$15,108,254 | -\$2,005,419 | -\$201,843  | \$236,195    |
| Southbury        | \$4,716,517  | \$18,417     | \$520,417   | \$215,838    |
| Southington      | \$22,850,236 | -\$2,915,335 | \$2,569,495 | \$335,088    |
| Sprague          | \$2,698,287  | -\$223,882   | \$209,381   | \$17,796     |
| Stafford         | \$10,117,082 | -\$694,896   | \$135,538   | \$54,395     |
| Stamford         | \$24,941,911 | \$1,584,320  | \$1,569,105 | \$587,724    |
| Sterling         | \$3,365,208  | -\$516,875   | \$352,795   | \$25,432     |
| Stonington       | \$2,389,734  | -\$1,639,692 | \$487,455   | \$89,421     |
| Stratford        | \$23,693,429 | \$438,736    | \$3,332,146 | \$510,214    |
| Suffield         | \$7,762,633  | -\$1,237,946 | \$643,220   | \$126,681    |
| Thomaston        | \$6,026,173  | -\$476,278   | \$175,677   | \$34,926     |
| Thompson         | \$7,954,500  | \$5,828      | -\$76,511   | -\$543,838   |
| Tolland          | \$11,967,528 | -\$1,871,155 | -\$971,027  | -\$1,215,953 |
| Torrington       | \$26,273,736 | \$163,016    | \$2,815,111 | \$348,425    |

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| <b>Trumbull</b>      | \$5,200,749   | -\$3,436,238 | \$1,570,679  | \$129,487   |
| <b>Union</b>         | \$237,166     | -\$89,242    | \$63,961     | \$1,976     |
| <b>Vernon</b>        | \$20,342,335  | -\$1,010     | \$1,247,600  | \$186,763   |
| <b>Voluntown</b>     | \$2,515,621   | -\$367,049   | \$64,718     | -\$364,242  |
| <b>Wallingford</b>   | \$24,075,839  | -\$2,382,695 | \$1,203,154  | \$213,288   |
| <b>Warren</b>        | \$160,123     | -\$41,588    | \$67,612     | -\$40,957   |
| <b>Washington</b>    | \$50,923      | -\$50,642    | \$115,685    | -\$50,621   |
| <b>Waterbury</b>     | \$147,770,138 | \$3,024,804  | \$2,366,389  | \$1,669,944 |
| <b>Waterford</b>     | \$973,625     | -\$313,043   | \$802,820    | \$74,589    |
| <b>Watertown</b>     | \$12,613,772  | -\$2,657,558 | \$344,436    | \$125,186   |
| <b>West Hartford</b> | \$25,768,095  | -\$4,409,348 | -\$936,443   | \$733,499   |
| <b>West Haven</b>    | \$47,358,809  | \$39,352     | \$2,899,297  | \$488,978   |
| <b>Westbrook</b>     | \$136,043     | -\$69,467    | \$375,417    | -\$64,561   |
| <b>Weston</b>        | \$1,078,741   | -\$248,061   | -\$275,868   | -\$191,848  |
| <b>Westport</b>      | \$1,257,260   | -\$443,768   | \$348,970    | -\$397,243  |
| <b>Wethersfield</b>  | \$11,682,710  | \$580,662    | \$1,331,830  | \$383,246   |
| <b>Willington</b>    | \$3,876,880   | -\$359,583   | \$271,531    | \$15,801    |
| <b>Wilton</b>        | \$1,590,215   | -\$447,081   | -\$113,312   | -\$363,141  |
| <b>Winchester</b>    | \$10,351,100  | \$170,669    | -\$543,283   | \$240,152   |
| <b>Windham</b>       | \$31,137,515  | \$228,169    | \$529,544    | \$334,343   |
| <b>Windsor</b>       | \$13,645,488  | \$21,211     | \$921,770    | \$206,149   |
| <b>Windsor Locks</b> | \$6,081,857   | \$65,603     | \$539,488    | \$115,822   |
| <b>Wolcott</b>       | \$14,161,209  | -\$1,725,760 | -\$1,137,322 | -\$510,135  |
| <b>Woodbridge</b>    | \$1,163,856   | -\$645,977   | \$80,894     | -\$533,603  |
| <b>Woodbury</b>      | \$2,381,601   | -\$151,496   | \$414,065    | \$21,712    |
| <b>Woodstock</b>     | \$5,649,136   | -\$515,729   | -\$179,794   | \$42,528    |

## Endnotes

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It is important to note that the Governor's Revised Proposed Budget is not the same as the Governor's Revised Executive Order Resource Allocation Plan, which the State is currently operating under due to the lack of a state budget. Additionally, the Revised Executive Order Resource Allocation has not been included in this analysis as it is meant to be a temporary funding plan, rather than a permanent solution, and it does not statutorily changes Connecticut's school finance system.

### Comparison Table of School Funding Proposals

|                                      | <b>Governor Malloy's<br/>Revised Proposed Budget<sup>1</sup><br/>9/8/17</b>  | <b>House and Senate Republican<br/>Revised Proposed Budget<sup>2,3,4</sup><br/>9/12/17</b>  | <b>House Democrats Revised<br/>Proposed Budget<sup>5,6</sup><br/>8/23/17</b>  |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>Foundation Amount</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$11,000 FY18</li> <li>• \$12,570 FY19</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$9,638</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$12,356</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Need Student Weights</b>          | <p>Low-income students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weight: 25%</li> <li>• Identification Method: Federal poverty limit, determined by the U.S. Census American Community Survey</li> </ul> <p>English Learners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weight: 25%</li> </ul>  | <p>Low-income students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weight: 30%</li> <li>• Concentration weight: 5%</li> <li>• Concentration threshold: 75%</li> <li>• Identification method: Eligibility for free and reduced price lunch (FRPL)</li> </ul> <p>English Learners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weight: 15%</li> </ul>  | <p>Low-Income Students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weight: 100%</li> <li>• Identification method: Percent of town's population under the federal poverty threshold</li> </ul> <p>English Learners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weight: 30%</li> </ul>  |
| <b>State / Local Share Mechanism</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 70% Property Wealth Factor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determined by Equalized Net Grand List per Capita</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 30% Income Wealth Factor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determined by Median Household Income</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Statewide Guaranteed Wealth Level: 1.25</li> <li>• Non-Alliance District Minimum Aid Ratio: 0%</li> <li>• Alliance District Minimum Aid Ratio: 10%</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 70% Property Wealth Factor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determined by Equalized Net Grand List per Capita</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 30% Income Wealth Factor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determined by Median Household Income</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Statewide Guaranteed Wealth Level: 1.5</li> <li>• Non-Alliance District Minimum Aid Ratio: 1%</li> <li>• Alliance District Minimum Aid Ratio: 10%</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60% Property Wealth Factor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determined by Equalized Net Grand List per Capita</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 40% Income Wealth Factor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determined by Median Household Income</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Statewide Guaranteed Wealth Level: 1.5</li> <li>• Minimum Aid Ratio (Alliance Districts): 10%</li> <li>• Minimum Aid Ratio (Non-Alliance Districts): 0%</li> </ul> |
| <b>Choice Schools</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local and regional boards of education – In formula</li> <li>• Charter Schools – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• Magnet Schools – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• RESCs – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• Vo-ag – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• CTHSS – Remain as separate line item</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local and regional boards of education – In formula</li> <li>• Charter Schools – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• Magnet Schools – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• RESCs – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• Vo-ag – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• CTHSS – Remain as separate line item</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local and regional boards of education – In formula</li> <li>• Charter Schools – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• Magnet Schools – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• RESCs – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• Vo-ag – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• CTHSS – Remain as separate line item</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Special Education</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special education funding appears to be included in the foundation amount of the ECS grant.</li> <li>• The Excess Cost Grant is increased by \$7 million in FY18 and \$6.6 million in FY19 over FY '17 allocations.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special education is separated from main formula aid by reallocating approximately 22% of the current total ECS grant amount to a new Special Education Grant.</li> <li>• Excess Cost grant funds are transferred to the new Special Education Grant line item.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special education funding appears to be included in the foundation amount of the ECS grant.</li> <li>• \$17,489,871 is added to the Excess Cost grant in FY18 and \$17,066,793 in FY19.</li> </ul>   |

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|  |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special education funds are distributed to districts through a partial reimbursement system on a scale of 2.5% to 52%, based on the Equalized Net Grand List per Capita of each town.</li> <li>\$9,999,448 is added to the Special Education Grant line item to meet federal maintenance of support requirements.</li> </ul>  |   |
| <b>Total Formula Cost Increase or Decrease</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ECS decrease of \$114 million in FY18</li> <li>ECS decrease of \$64 million in FY19</li> <li>Total increase, after phase-in: \$23 million (\$16.5 million in ECS funding and \$6.6 million in special education funding)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$688.7 million (\$678.7 million in ECS funding and \$10 million in special education funding).</li> <li>Provides an additional 3%-6% for communities that have a Public Investment Communities (PIC) index<sup>7</sup> score over 300 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Top 5 towns: Additional 6%</li> <li>Next 5 towns: Additional 5%</li> <li>Next 5 towns: Additional 4%</li> <li>Remaining 4 towns: Additional 3%</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$825 million (\$808 million in ECS funding and \$17 million in special education funding).</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Phase-in Plan</b>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increases in aid would be phased-in at a rate of 20% per year, over five years.</li> <li>Decreases in aid for districts for whom the formula calculates a reduction of over \$1,100 per pupil would be phased-out over three years.</li> <li>Decreases in aid for districts for whom the formula calculates a reduction under \$1,100 per pupil would be immediately implemented in FY18.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increases in aid would be phased-in at a rate of 5% in FY18, 15% in FY19, and 10% in subsequent years.</li> <li>Decreases in aid would be phased-out at a rate of 0% (hold harmless) in FY18 and 10% per year in subsequent years. This formula would take 10 years to fully fund under this plan.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This formula would take approximately 58 years to fully fund under this plan if 1.72% was added yearly.</li> <li>If the proposed FY18 grant is less than the FY17 grant, the town will receive the proposed FY18 grant.</li> <li>If the proposed FY18 grant is greater than the FY17 grant, the town will receive the FY17 grant plus 1.72% of the difference between proposed FY18 grant and the FY17 grant.</li> </ul> |

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