

# CONNECTICUT SCHOOL FINANCE PROJECT

## SUMMARY OF THE REVISED FY 2016-17 BUDGET FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION May 18, 2016

With its adoption of S.B. 501 (May Special Session), "An Act Adjusting the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2017," the Connecticut General Assembly finalized its revisions to the FY 2016-17 adopted state budget.<sup>1</sup> The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) revised FY 2016-17 budget reduces all but one program<sup>2</sup> from the FY 2016-17 adopted budget.<sup>3</sup> In total, the FY 2016-17 revised budget decreases the CSDE budget by \$108.6 million or 3.5 percent.<sup>4</sup>

When comparing the CSDE revised budget for FY 2016-17 to the original FY 2016-17 adopted as part of P.A. 15-244, there are a number of significant reductions over \$1 million including:

1. **(\$32.1 million)** for the Education Cost Sharing grant (town-by-town detail follows later in this memo);<sup>5</sup>
2. **(\$26.7 million)** to eliminate the two transportation grants (transportation mandate remains);<sup>6</sup>
3. **(\$11.9 million)** for magnet schools;<sup>7</sup>
4. **(\$7.8 million)** for the Connecticut Technical High School System (CTHSS);<sup>8</sup>
5. **(\$4.2 million)** for Excess Costs special education grants;<sup>9</sup>
6. **(\$3.2 million)** for educator improvement programs and talent development;<sup>10</sup>
7. **(\$2.9 million)** for Open Choice;<sup>11</sup>
8. **(\$2.5 million)** for the Priority School District grant;<sup>12</sup>
9. **(\$2.3 million)** for state-administered student assessments;<sup>13</sup>
10. **(\$1.9 million)** for charter schools;<sup>14</sup>
11. **(\$1.9 million)** for educator professional development associated with the implementation of new academic standards;<sup>15</sup>
12. **(\$1.6 million)** for personnel;<sup>16</sup> and
13. **(\$1.5 million)** to eliminate School Accountability, a program to turnaround low-achieving schools.<sup>17</sup>

S.B. 501 (May Special Session) and its implementer, S.B. 502 (May Special Session), "An Act Concerning Revenue and Other Items to Implement the Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2017," include significant legislative changes that could affect the CSDE and/or local education budgets. These provisions include:

1. \$163.3 million in bottom-line executive branch lapses required of state agencies could further reduce the CSDE budget; exact amounts by agency or account are not precisely known at this time;<sup>18</sup>
2. Formula grant caps remain, which, with the elimination of the two transportation grants, will be short of full funding by \$168 million or 51 percent;<sup>19</sup> and
3. The calculations for both the FY 2016-17 Minimum Budget Requirements and the Alliance District grants will include consideration of the Education Cost Sharing cuts from FY 2015-16.

Attached in greater detail are tables with:

1. Budget implementer language;
2. ECS line-items and District Reference Group information;
3. Schools of choice FY 2016-17 budget information; and
4. The impact of program elimination and grant caps on formula grants for FY 2016-17.

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**Note: This summary should not be construed as either supporting or opposing any of the budget provisions and/or changes detailed in this document. Additionally, this summary is not meant to be an exhaustive analysis of S.B. 501 (2016, May Special Session), S.B. 502 (2016, May Special Session), or P.A. 15-244 and instead focuses on reductions to the Connecticut State Department of Education's budget. As a result, programs possibly impacting K-12 in Connecticut that are found under other state agency budgets have not been analyzed or included in this summary. Additionally, this summary was written without reviewing the directives from the Office of Fiscal Analysis because they were not yet available at the time of writing.**

## Revised FY 2016-17 CSDE Implementer Language

Bill	Section(s)	Summary	Possible Financial Impact
S.B. 501 (May Special Session), "An Act Adjusting the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2017"	20	Revises the FY 2016-17 town-by-town appropriations for the Education Cost Sharing grant (ECS).	In total, ECS FY 2016-17 revised appropriations equal \$2.037 billion, which is \$32 million less than what was appropriated for FY 2016-17 in P.A. 15-244 and \$20.6 million less than estimated FY 2015-16 expenditures. <sup>20,21</sup>
"	34(a) and (b)	The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is empowered to reduce executive branch appropriations by \$68.9 million. ECS reductions are prohibited.	\$68.8 million in General Fund savings.
"	35(d)	OPM is empowered to reduce executive branch appropriations by \$94.5 million. No municipal grants can be reduced.	\$94.5 in General Fund savings.
"	37, 39	The Priority School District (PSD) grant, which is composed of three separate grants (PSD, Extended Day, and Summer School) will be reduced by \$2.5 million. This affects the 15 low-achieving school districts. <sup>22</sup>	\$2.5 million in General Fund savings.
"	38	Increases the PSD appropriation for Norwalk (6 <sup>th</sup> largest community by population).	\$69,930 in additional General Fund costs.
"	41	\$10 million from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund (MRSF) will pay for the ECS grant in FY 2016-17.	Rather than the Municipal Revenue Sharing Account paying \$10 million for ECS, the newly created MRSF will.
S.B. 502, (May Special Session) "An Act Concerning Revenue and Other Items to Implement the Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2017"	62	Expands and revises the School Building Project Review Committee by adding four members and specifying members must come from these legislative committees: Appropriations; Finance, Revenue and Bonding; and Education committees.	Possible minor costs for four new members' expenses.
"	64	Under current law, <sup>23</sup> East Hartford's tuition payments to the magnet schools its students attend is capped. If more than seven percent of its students attend magnet schools, then	These additional costs are expected be about \$915,000. <sup>24</sup>

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		the State—not the town—is responsible for \$4,400/student in magnet school tuition over that seven percent threshold. This bill makes this change permanent (rather than limited to the biennium).	
“	66	<p>Amends the criteria under which the CSDE can limit magnet school payments based on their enrollments and prioritizes under which circumstances (such as adding grades in FY 2015-16) new enrollment growth can be funded.</p> <p>Also, project operators will have funding flexibility in determining how magnet school funding will be spent at the school level, as long as their distribution plans are approved by the commissioner of CSDE.</p>	<p>The possible financial impact is unclear.</p> <p>In a 2014 memo, the CSDE estimated a cap on magnet school enrollment growth could save \$16 million in FY 2016-17.<sup>25</sup> This would have reduced the appropriation to \$327 million, but the appropriation in FY 2016-17 is \$313 million or \$14 million less than CSDE said they needed (even with a cap on enrollment growth).</p>
“	87	As in prior years, this would allow the CSDE to review billing and make final supplemental RESC “Sheff related” transportation payments for FY 2015-16 in FY 2016-17.	It is estimated the balance owed to CREC would be around \$9 million in FY 2016-17. The magnet school account is being reduced by \$11.9 million in S.B. 501 (May Special Session) compared to the original FY 2016-17 appropriation in P.A. 15-244.
“	126,127	<p>The Minimum Budget Requirement (MBR) is changed to (generally) compensate for ECS reductions.</p> <p>Alliance District communities will not, however, be allowed to change the FY 2016-17 budgeted funding for education.</p> <p>MBR provisions are not applicable to the highest performing 10 percent of school districts in FY 2016-17.</p>	<p>This allows non-Alliance District communities to reduce their FY 2016-17 MBRs by the amount that their ECS funding (from S.B. 501 of the May Special Session) is less than the ECS appropriated levels in P.A. 15-244.</p> <p>Note: ECS (in aggregate) was reduced by \$4 million from the FY 2015-16 appropriated levels in P.A. 15-244.<sup>26,27</sup> This decrease is not part of this calculation.</p>
“	128	The calculation of Alliance District funding is changed. Current law <sup>28</sup> defined Alliance	This change reduces Alliance District ECS set-asides. <sup>29,30</sup>

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		<p>District funding as:  <u>Alliance District funding = FY 2016-17 ECS - FY 2011-12 ECS funding.</u></p> <p>The new definition will be:  <u>Alliance District funding = FY 2016-17 ECS funding – FY 2011-12 funding - FY 2015-16 aid reduction.</u></p>	
“	190	<p>Changes MRSA to MRSF.  Eliminates sales tax diversion in FY 2016-17 and appropriate for specific purposes (such as the \$10 million for ECS).</p>	\$49.4 million in additional General Fund revenue. <sup>31</sup>
“	211	<p>East Hartford's special magnet school tuition grant is eliminated.</p>	\$220,818 in savings.

## Education Cost Sharing Grant from FY 2014-15 through FY 2016-17

Note: Alliance District communities (30 lowest performing districts) are highlighted in yellow.

Town	FY 2016-17 Unadjusted Full Funding <sup>32</sup>	FY 2015-16 Appro. with Rescissions <sup>33,34</sup>	FY 2016-17 Appro. from P.A. 15-244 <sup>35</sup>	FY 2016-17 Revised S.B. 501 (May Special Session) <sup>36</sup>	\$ Change Budget FY 2015-16 to FY 2016-17 Revised	\$ Change Budget FY 2016-17 Appro. to FY 2016-17 Revised	% of FY 2016-17 Full Funding
Andover	2,539,014	2,380,424	2,380,599	2,349,231	(31,193)	(31,368)	93%
Ansonia	22,612,066	16,640,631	16,641,477	16,558,270	(82,361)	(83,207)	73%
Ashford	3,524,860	3,921,094	3,933,350	3,881,522	(39,572)	(51,828)	110%
Avon	767,883	1,214,508	1,233,415	872,247	(342,261)	(361,168)	114%
Barkhamsted	2,227,855	1,676,986	1,678,295	1,656,181	(20,805)	(22,114)	74%
Beacon Falls	4,892,491	4,155,180	4,155,471	4,100,716	(54,464)	(54,755)	84%
Berlin	8,650,768	6,290,335	6,381,544	6,349,636	59,301	(31,908)	73%
Bethany	2,565,762	2,062,725	2,063,088	2,035,903	(26,822)	(27,185)	79%
Bethel	10,739,719	8,264,287	8,316,768	8,207,181	(57,106)	(109,587)	76%
Bethlehem	1,240,379	1,300,366	1,319,337	1,301,953	1,587	(17,384)	105%
Bloomfield	10,080,851	6,318,330	6,319,698	6,288,100	(30,230)	(31,598)	62%
Bolton	3,366,745	3,052,337	3,052,630	3,012,407	(39,930)	(40,223)	89%
Bozrah	1,583,790	1,248,503	1,255,387	1,238,845	(9,658)	(16,542)	78%
Branford	5,364,475	2,110,402	2,426,993	2,414,858	304,456	(12,135)	45%
Bridgeport	224,410,246	182,260,683	182,266,724	181,355,390	(905,293)	(911,334)	81%
Bridgewater	45,468	122,296	137,292	40,734	(81,562)	(96,558)	90%
Bristol	59,231,545	45,702,808	45,705,925	45,103,676	(599,132)	(602,249)	76%
Brookfield	2,019,273	1,481,600	1,564,493	1,543,878	62,278	(20,615)	76%
Brooklyn	8,346,869	7,110,065	7,110,430	7,016,739	(93,326)	(93,691)	84%
Burlington	6,134,632	4,437,357	4,439,537	4,417,339	(20,018)	(22,198)	72%
Canaan	135,092	209,153	209,258	186,637	(22,516)	(22,621)	138%
Canterbury	4,085,382	4,742,761	4,754,383	4,691,736	(51,025)	(62,647)	115%
Canton	4,931,475	3,461,000	3,488,492	3,471,050	10,050	(17,442)	70%
Chaplin	1,865,187	1,893,640	1,893,763	1,868,810	(24,830)	(24,953)	100%
Cheshire	15,715,952	9,663,023	9,664,625	9,616,302	(46,721)	(48,323)	61%
Chester	1,436,078	680,117	691,432	687,975	7,858	(3,457)	48%
Clinton	4,984,274	6,459,513	6,502,667	6,416,984	(42,529)	(85,683)	129%
Colchester	14,651,896	13,771,666	13,772,530	13,591,055	(180,611)	(181,475)	93%
Colebrook	459,052	505,155	508,008	501,314	(3,841)	(6,694)	109%
Columbia	2,961,115	2,569,547	2,589,623	2,555,501	(14,046)	(34,122)	86%
Cornwall	32,880	85,129	85,322	23,499	(61,630)	(61,823)	71%
Coventry	9,079,670	8,933,895	8,942,206	8,824,378	(109,517)	(117,828)	97%

Cromwell	8,710,366	4,662,439	4,754,798	4,731,024	68,585	(23,774)	54%
Danbury	61,498,434	30,700,645	31,698,975	31,540,480	839,835	(158,495)	51%
Darien	1,122,699	1,372,149	1,616,006	775,533	(596,616)	(840,473)	69%
Deep River	2,088,227	1,712,644	1,727,394	1,704,633	(8,011)	(22,761)	82%
Derby	12,568,159	8,000,918	8,001,514	7,961,506	(39,412)	(40,008)	63%
Durham	3,816,179	3,973,181	3,993,506	3,940,885	(32,296)	(52,621)	103%
Eastford	868,150	1,115,561	1,116,844	1,102,128	(13,433)	(14,716)	127%
East Granby	2,674,254	1,433,733	1,481,760	1,474,351	40,618	(7,409)	55%
East Haddam	4,295,788	3,777,645	3,791,563	3,741,603	(36,042)	(49,960)	87%
East Hampton	8,857,102	7,714,555	7,715,291	7,613,630	(100,925)	(101,661)	86%
East Hartford	68,257,323	49,561,048	49,563,484	49,315,667	(245,381)	(247,817)	72%
East Haven	24,497,858	20,002,740	20,004,233	19,740,645	(262,095)	(263,588)	81%
East Lyme	7,339,301	7,136,795	7,138,163	7,044,106	(92,689)	(94,057)	96%
Easton	339,706	593,105	593,868	245,181	(347,924)	(348,687)	72%
East Windsor	6,358,455	5,809,857	5,810,543	5,733,980	(75,877)	(76,563)	90%
Ellington	13,257,089	9,755,384	9,822,009	9,772,899	17,515	(49,110)	74%
Enfield	37,764,565	29,193,943	29,195,835	28,811,133	(382,810)	(384,702)	76%
Essex	213,192	365,550	389,697	160,658	(204,892)	(229,039)	75%
Fairfield	2,400,143	3,583,484	3,590,008	1,657,963	(1,925,521)	(1,932,045)	69%
Farmington	954,560	1,608,846	1,611,013	1,289,833	(319,013)	(321,180)	135%
Franklin	909,829	948,101	948,235	935,740	(12,361)	(12,495)	103%
Glastonbury	13,063,392	6,623,032	6,921,094	6,886,489	263,457	(34,605)	53%
Goshen	121,052	211,340	218,188	108,626	(102,714)	(109,562)	90%
Granby	8,198,006	5,561,223	5,603,665	5,575,647	14,424	(28,018)	68%
Greenwich	2,091,490	3,037,524	3,418,642	1,444,752	(1,592,772)	(1,973,890)	69%
Griswold	13,330,365	10,977,088	10,977,557	10,832,910	(144,178)	(144,647)	81%
Groton	21,207,527	25,622,519	25,625,179	25,287,526	(334,993)	(337,653)	119%
Guilford	2,107,946	2,945,592	3,058,981	2,912,239	(33,353)	(146,742)	138%
Haddam	4,104,026	1,925,038	2,034,708	2,024,534	99,496	(10,174)	49%
Hamden	45,085,761	27,127,960	27,131,137	27,195,481	67,521	64,344	60%
Hampton	1,055,619	1,339,825	1,339,928	1,322,272	(17,553)	(17,656)	125%
Hartford	228,465,417	201,772,044	201,777,130	200,768,244	(1,003,800)	(1,008,886)	88%
Hartland	1,057,801	1,358,519	1,358,660	1,340,757	(17,762)	(17,903)	127%
Harwinton	3,076,981	2,760,315	2,779,876	2,743,247	(17,068)	(36,629)	89%
Hebron	7,710,404	6,991,218	7,021,219	6,928,703	(62,515)	(92,516)	90%
Kent	72,336	167,052	167,342	51,265	(115,787)	(116,077)	71%
Killingly	16,914,311	15,870,348	15,871,254	15,662,125	(208,223)	(209,129)	93%

Killingworth	2,193,028	2,244,748	2,245,206	2,215,622	(29,126)	(29,584)	101%
Lebanon	5,128,904	5,517,804	5,524,550	5,451,755	(66,049)	(72,795)	106%
Ledyard	13,784,997	12,216,495	12,217,227	12,056,245	(160,250)	(160,982)	87%
Lisbon	2,565,865	3,911,991	3,927,193	3,544,878	(367,113)	(382,315)	138%
Litchfield	1,734,562	1,524,618	1,525,242	1,505,144	(19,474)	(20,098)	87%
Lyme	97,762	139,702	145,556	87,495	(52,207)	(58,061)	89%
Madison	707,785	1,574,259	1,576,061	605,620	(968,639)	(970,441)	86%
Manchester	51,040,015	34,861,662	34,864,748	34,690,424	(171,238)	(174,324)	68%
Mansfield	11,191,731	10,186,509	10,187,506	10,053,269	(133,240)	(134,237)	90%
Marlborough	4,276,245	3,221,395	3,234,918	3,192,293	(29,102)	(42,625)	75%
Meriden	76,124,235	60,809,702	60,812,457	60,508,395	(301,307)	(304,062)	79%
Middlebury	1,843,444	806,344	914,010	909,440	103,096	(4,570)	49%
Middlefield	2,559,336	2,141,544	2,153,527	2,125,151	(16,393)	(28,376)	83%
Middletown	32,876,054	19,858,991	19,861,550	19,762,242	(96,749)	(99,308)	60%
Milford	10,965,256	11,377,600	11,381,824	11,231,850	(145,750)	(149,974)	102%
Monroe	7,610,270	6,510,618	6,616,669	6,529,484	18,866	(87,185)	86%
Montville	16,144,902	12,857,281	12,858,140	12,688,713	(168,568)	(169,427)	79%
Morris	106,424	657,773	657,975	120,267	(537,506)	(537,708)	113%
Naugatuck	36,370,426	30,799,313	30,831,003	30,424,755	(374,558)	(406,248)	84%
New Britain	119,994,478	86,675,859	86,678,662	86,445,269	(230,590)	(233,393)	72%
New Canaan	982,728	1,209,062	1,495,604	678,845	(530,217)	(816,759)	69%
New Fairfield	5,452,106	4,429,810	4,492,822	4,433,622	3,812	(59,200)	81%
New Hartford	3,847,659	3,180,203	3,197,830	3,155,693	(24,510)	(42,137)	82%
New Haven	171,765,368	155,322,630	155,328,620	154,551,977	(770,653)	(776,643)	90%
Newington	20,328,059	13,224,900	13,226,394	13,160,262	(64,638)	(66,132)	65%
New London	33,257,051	26,057,581	26,058,803	25,928,509	(129,072)	(130,294)	78%
New Milford	13,841,020	12,168,329	12,170,141	12,009,780	(158,549)	(160,361)	87%
Newtown	10,739,412	4,757,982	5,105,657	5,080,129	322,147	(25,528)	47%
Norfolk	53,529	381,255	381,414	39,910	(341,345)	(341,504)	75%
North Branford	8,838,403	8,206,425	8,270,110	8,161,138	(45,287)	(108,972)	92%
North Canaan	1,796,250	2,091,575	2,091,790	2,064,227	(27,348)	(27,563)	115%
North Haven	8,032,098	3,675,551	4,023,706	4,003,587	328,036	(20,119)	50%
North Stonington	2,645,487	2,899,697	2,906,538	2,868,240	(31,457)	(38,298)	108%
Norwalk	15,180,788	11,551,095	11,551,095	11,493,340	(57,755)	(57,755)	76%
Norwich	46,426,340	36,576,102	36,577,969	36,395,079	(181,023)	(182,890)	78%



Old Lyme	362,558	594,612	605,586	324,567	(270,045)	(281,019)	90%
Old Saybrook	326,994	646,664	652,677	225,880	(420,784)	(426,797)	69%
Orange	2,228,021	1,348,918	1,623,431	1,615,314	266,396	(8,117)	72%
Oxford	4,775,898	4,676,513	4,677,464	4,615,831	(60,682)	(61,633)	97%
Plainfield	17,686,711	15,642,047	15,642,685	15,436,567	(205,480)	(206,118)	87%
Plainville	13,864,319	10,443,325	10,507,145	10,368,696	(74,629)	(138,449)	75%
Plymouth	11,451,084	9,914,956	9,951,918	9,820,785	(94,171)	(131,133)	86%
Pomfret	3,097,199	3,136,355	3,136,587	3,095,257	(41,098)	(41,330)	100%
Portland	6,521,820	4,420,530	4,440,226	4,418,025	(2,505)	(22,201)	68%
Preston	3,246,147	3,071,731	3,079,401	3,038,825	(32,906)	(40,576)	94%
Prospect	6,394,373	5,379,817	5,425,694	5,354,202	(25,615)	(71,492)	84%
Putnam	9,290,720	8,497,790	8,498,260	8,386,282	(111,508)	(111,978)	90%
Redding	364,921	686,781	687,733	263,834	(422,947)	(423,899)	72%
Ridgefield	1,166,438	1,990,475	2,063,814	805,748	(1,184,727)	(1,258,066)	69%
Rocky Hill	9,982,216	3,944,732	4,396,918	4,374,933	430,201	(21,985)	44%
Roxbury	72,019	133,039	158,114	64,463	(68,576)	(93,651)	90%
Salem	2,816,568	3,113,963	3,114,216	3,073,181	(40,782)	(41,035)	109%
Salisbury	84,651	148,652	187,266	60,176	(88,476)	(127,090)	71%
Scotland	1,372,497	1,450,575	1,450,663	1,431,548	(19,027)	(19,115)	104%
Seymour	13,781,590	10,128,311	10,179,389	10,128,492	181	(50,897)	73%
Sharon	58,550	139,261	145,798	42,103	(97,158)	(103,695)	72%
Shelton	13,418,527	5,482,804	6,199,810	6,168,811	686,007	(30,999)	46%
Sherman	117,205	213,125	244,327	80,962	(132,163)	(163,365)	69%
Simsbury	12,768,177	5,944,949	6,264,852	6,233,528	288,579	(31,324)	49%
Somers	7,734,576	6,068,039	6,068,546	5,988,583	(79,456)	(79,963)	77%
Southbury	8,190,110	3,033,041	3,606,189	3,588,158	555,117	(18,031)	44%
Southington	30,423,544	20,568,713	20,621,165	20,518,059	(50,654)	(103,106)	67%
South Windsor	15,746,619	13,035,627	13,159,496	12,986,098	(49,529)	(173,398)	82%
Sprague	3,390,147	2,661,363	2,661,473	2,626,404	(34,959)	(35,069)	77%
Stafford	10,756,803	9,980,702	9,981,252	9,849,733	(130,969)	(131,519)	92%
Stamford	20,582,083	10,885,284	11,109,306	11,053,759	168,475	(55,547)	54%
Sterling	4,064,610	3,248,157	3,257,637	3,214,712	(33,445)	(42,925)	79%
Stonington	1,081,353	1,972,863	2,079,926	1,792,984	(179,879)	(286,942)	166%
Stratford	37,124,520	21,818,466	21,820,886	21,711,782	(106,684)	(109,104)	58%
Suffield	9,815,528	6,344,484	6,345,284	6,313,558	(30,926)	(31,726)	64%
Thomaston	6,412,176	5,740,364	5,740,750	5,665,106	(75,258)	(75,644)	88%
Thompson	7,303,578	7,657,722	7,682,218	7,580,992	(76,730)	(101,226)	104%

Tolland	11,795,413	10,907,112	10,928,981	10,784,974	(122,138)	(144,007)	91%
Torrington	33,824,505	24,779,195	24,780,540	24,656,637	(122,558)	(123,903)	73%
Trumbull	7,831,723	3,353,943	3,703,712	3,685,193	331,250	(18,519)	47%
Union	329,339	243,820	243,877	242,658	(1,162)	(1,219)	74%
Vernon	26,016,152	19,648,688	19,650,126	19,391,204	(257,484)	(258,922)	75%
Voluntown	2,196,954	2,550,020	2,550,166	2,516,563	(33,457)	(33,603)	115%
Wallingford	25,162,476	21,863,617	21,866,413	21,578,288	(285,329)	(288,125)	86%
Warren	55,124	88,775	99,777	49,407	(39,368)	(50,370)	90%
Washington	110,184	221,936	240,147	98,425	(123,511)	(141,722)	89%
Waterbury	192,973,086	134,524,338	134,528,710	133,856,066	(668,272)	(672,644)	69%
Waterford	706,884	1,483,954	1,485,842	488,299	(995,655)	(997,543)	69%
Watertown	15,312,198	11,949,758	12,034,849	11,876,270	(73,488)	(158,579)	78%
Westbrook	188,365	427,001	427,677	130,117	(296,884)	(297,560)	69%
West Hartford	37,057,032	19,867,867	21,469,839	21,362,490	1,494,623	(107,349)	58%
West Haven	60,673,848	45,994,046	45,996,566	45,390,487	(603,559)	(606,079)	75%
Weston	552,248	845,528	948,564	381,480	(464,048)	(567,084)	69%
Westport	1,316,319	1,982,936	1,988,255	909,281	(1,073,655)	(1,078,974)	69%
Wethersfield	19,303,196	9,020,510	9,548,677	9,500,934	480,424	(47,743)	49%
Willington	3,839,014	3,718,080	3,718,418	3,669,422	(48,658)	(48,996)	96%
Wilton	963,239	1,461,523	1,557,195	665,382	(796,141)	(891,813)	69%
Winchester	8,774,306	8,187,413	8,187,980	8,080,090	(107,323)	(107,890)	92%
Windham	34,126,090	26,815,061	26,816,024	26,681,944	(133,117)	(134,080)	78%
Windsor	15,458,369	12,374,959	12,476,044	12,311,652	(63,307)	(164,392)	80%
Windsor Locks	7,047,332	5,269,809	5,274,785	5,248,411	(21,398)	(26,374)	74%
Wolcott	13,715,766	13,621,228	13,696,541	13,516,067	(105,161)	(180,474)	99%
Woodbridge	901,264	690,472	732,889	723,232	32,760	(9,657)	80%
Woodbury	3,242,598	1,051,361	1,347,989	1,341,249	289,888	(6,740)	41%
Woodstock	5,827,682	5,443,228	5,473,975	5,401,847	(41,381)	(72,128)	93%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,644,814,130</b>	<b>2,058,215,809</b>	<b>2,069,689,238</b>	<b>2,037,587,098</b>	<b>(20,628,711)</b>	<b>(32,102,140)</b>	<b>77%</b>

Alliance Districts

**Distribution of the Education Cost Sharing Grant by District Reference Group (DRG)  
in FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 and Comparison of ECS Grant Changes by  
DRG From FY 2016-17 Revised to FY 2015-16**

<b>DRG</b>	<b>% Distribution of ECS for FY 2015-16 Appropriation with Rescissions<sup>37</sup></b>	<b>% Distribution of ECS for FY 2016-17 Revised S.B. 501 (May Special Session)<sup>38</sup></b>	<b>% Change Distribution of ECS in FY 2016-17 Revised to FY 2015-16 with Rescissions</b>	<b>\$ Change ECS FY 2016-17 Revised to FY 2015-16 with Rescissions</b>	<b>% Change ECS FY 2016-17 Revised to FY 2015-16 with Rescissions</b>
A	0.49%	0.23%	-0.26%	-5,416,275	-53.41%
B	4.91%	4.89%	-0.02%	-1,521,004	-1.50%
C	5.08%	5.06%	-0.02%	-1,448,196	-1.39%
D	9.71%	9.77%	0.07%	-674,515	-0.34%
E	4.50%	4.41%	-0.09%	-2,850,158	-3.08%
F	6.86%	6.86%	0.00%	-1,454,544	-1.03%
G	15.78%	15.79%	0.02%	-2,920,734	-0.90%
H	13.15%	13.26%	0.11%	-502,488	-0.19%
I	39.52%	39.73%	0.21%	-3,840,797	-0.47%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>-20,628,711</b>	<b>-1.00%</b>

Observations:

1. While each DRG lost (aggregate) funding from FY 2015-16 (funding with rescissions) to FY 2016-17 (revised), the highest percentage reductions (as shares of the ECS total) were for the communities in DRG A.
2. Comparing FY 2015-16 with rescissions to FY 2016-17 revised, the greatest percentage and dollar reductions were also for DRG A communities.

**Schools of Choice: From FY 2015-16 through FY 2016-17**

School Choice Program	FY 2015-16 Appro. with Rescissions <sup>39</sup>	FY 2016-17 Appropriated (P.A. 15-244) <sup>40</sup>	FY 2016-17 Revised (S.B. 501, May Special Session) <sup>41</sup>	\$ Change FY 2016-17 Revised to FY 2015-16 with Rescissions	% Change FY 2016-17 Revised to FY 2015-16 with Rescissions	\$ Change FY 2016-17 Revised to FY 2016-17 Appro. (P.A. 15-244)	% FY 2016-17 Revised to FY 2016-17 Appro. (P.A. 15-244)
Regional Vocational/ Technical School System	163,008,650	171,152,813	163,367,535	358,885	0.2%	(7,785,278)	-4.5%
Vocational Agriculture	11,017,600	11,017,600	10,544,937	(472,663)	-4.3%	(472,663)	-4.3%
Open Choice Program	36,769,970	43,214,700	40,258,605	3,488,635	9.5%	(2,956,095)	-6.8%
Magnet Schools	322,419,980	324,950,485	313,058,158	(9,361,822)	-2.9%	(11,892,327)	-3.7%
Charter Schools	100,212,616	112,765,731	110,835,808	10,623,192	10.6%	(1,929,923)	-1.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>633,428,816</b>	<b>663,101,329</b>	<b>638,065,043</b>	<b>4,636,227</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>(25,036,286)</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>

**Effects of Grant Caps on State Department of Education Formula Grants  
and Other Changes in the Revised Budget for FY 2016-17**

<b>Grant</b>	<b>FY 2016-17 Appropriation in P.A. 15-244<sup>42</sup></b>	<b>FY 2016-17 Revised in S.B. 501 (May Special Session)<sup>43</sup></b>	<b>Full Funding Formula Grants in FY 2016-17<sup>44</sup></b>	<b>\$ Underfunding for Grants FY 2016-17 Revised Compared to Full Funding</b>	<b>% Underfunding for Grants FY 2016-17 Revised Compared to Full Funding</b>
Transportation of School Children	23,329,451	0	94,000,000	(94,000,000)	-100%
Adult Education	21,037,392	20,383,960	23,700,000	(3,316,040)	-14%
Health and Welfare Services Pupils Private Schools	3,867,750	3,526,579	6,400,000	(2,873,421)	-45%
Excess Cost - Student Based	139,805,731	135,555,731	199,000,000	(63,444,269)	-32%
Non-Public School Transportation	3,451,500	0	4,756,000	(4,756,000)	-100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>191,491,824</b>	<b>159,466,270</b>	<b>327,856,000</b>	<b>(168,389,730)</b>	<b>-51%</b>

## Endnotes

<sup>1</sup> S.B. 501, Gen. Assembly., May Special Session (Ct. 2016).

<sup>2</sup> *In the revised budget, only the program for the longitudinal data project is increased over the adopted budget (by \$139,240).*

S.B. 501, Gen. Assembly., May Special Session (Ct. 2016).

<sup>3</sup> P.A. 15-244.

<sup>4</sup> S.B. 501, Gen. Assembly., May Special Session (Ct. 2016).

<sup>5</sup> Revised FY 2016-17 budget from S.B. 501 (2016, May Special Session) less adopted FY 2016-17 budget from P.A. 15-244.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

<sup>11</sup> Ibid.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid.

<sup>13</sup> Ibid.

<sup>14</sup> Ibid.

<sup>15</sup> Ibid.

<sup>16</sup> Ibid.

<sup>17</sup> Ibid.

<sup>18</sup> *S.B. 501 (2016, May Special Session) delineates the aggregate statewide lapses and prohibits the reduction of the Education Cost Sharing grant or municipal aid beyond the revised appropriated levels but assigns the determination of the specific agency and account reductions to the Office of Policy and Management.*

<sup>19</sup> Pryor, S. (2014). *Letter to Connecticut State Board of Education RE: Budget Expansion Options – Fiscal Years 2015-16 and 2016-17*. Retrieved from [https://www.cga.ct.gov/OFA/Documents/year/OPT/2016OPT-20141101\\_Education,%20Department%20of.pdf](https://www.cga.ct.gov/OFA/Documents/year/OPT/2016OPT-20141101_Education,%20Department%20of.pdf).

<sup>20</sup> Connecticut General Assembly, Office of Fiscal Analysis. (2016). FY 2016 General Fund Holdbacks. Retrieved from <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/2662247/FY2016-All-Holdbacks-General-Fund.pdf>.

<sup>21</sup> Connecticut Office of Policy and Management. (2016). *FY 2017 Governor's Midterm Budget Adjustments – Section E: Municipal Aid*. Retrieved from [http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/budget/2017midterm/budget/71\\_section\\_e.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/budget/2017midterm/budget/71_section_e.pdf).

<sup>22</sup> Connecticut State Department of Education. (2016). *FY 2016 Grant Payment Report - Full Formula Grant Funding*. Available from <https://www.csde.state.ct.us/public/dgm/grantreports1/PayDetlMain.aspx>.

<sup>23</sup> Conn. Gen. Statutes ch. 172, § 10-264, subsection (p) (2016).

<sup>24</sup> Fiscal Note for S.B. 501, Gen. Assembly., May Special Session (Ct. 2016).

<sup>25</sup> Pryor, S. (2014). *Letter to Connecticut State Board of Education RE: Budget Expansion Options – Fiscal Years 2015-16 and 2016-17*. Retrieved from [https://www.cga.ct.gov/OFA/Documents/year/OPT/2016OPT-20141101\\_Education,%20Department%20of.pdf](https://www.cga.ct.gov/OFA/Documents/year/OPT/2016OPT-20141101_Education,%20Department%20of.pdf).

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<sup>28</sup> Conn. Gen. Statutes ch. 172, § 10-262u (2016).

<sup>29</sup> Connecticut General Assembly, Office of Fiscal Analysis. (2016). FY 2016 General Fund Holdbacks. Retrieved from <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/2662247/FY2016-All-Holdbacks-General-Fund.pdf>.

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<sup>31</sup> Fiscal Note for S.B. 501, Gen. Assembly., May Special Session (Ct. 2016).

<sup>32</sup> Calculation by Kathleen S. Guay done with 2016-17 data provided by the Connecticut State Department of Education, March 2016.

<sup>33</sup> P.A. 15-244.

<sup>34</sup> Connecticut Office of Policy and Management. (2016). *FY 2017 Governor's Midterm Budget Adjustments – Section E: Municipal Aid*. Retrieved from [http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/budget/2017midterm/budget/71\\_section\\_e.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/budget/2017midterm/budget/71_section_e.pdf).

<sup>35</sup> P.A. 15-244.

<sup>36</sup> S.B. 501, Gen. Assembly., May Special Session (Ct. 2016).

<sup>37</sup> *Calculations done by Kathleen S. Guay based on town-by-town rescission ECS amounts found in:* Connecticut Office of Policy and Management. (2016). *FY 2017 Governor's Midterm Budget Adjustments – Section E: Municipal Aid*. Retrieved from [http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/budget/2017midterm/budget/71\\_section\\_e.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/budget/2017midterm/budget/71_section_e.pdf).

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<sup>40</sup> P.A. 15-244.

<sup>41</sup> S.B. 501, Gen. Assembly., May Special Session (Ct. 2016).

<sup>42</sup> P.A. 15-244.

<sup>43</sup> S.B. 501, Gen. Assembly., May Special Session (Ct. 2016).

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