

# CONNECTICUT SCHOOL FINANCE PROJECT

## GOVERNOR'S REVISED FY' 2016-17 BUDGETS FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

On April 12, 2016, Governor Dannel Malloy proposed revisions to his original February 2016 budget for fiscal year 2016-17. These line-item recommendations for the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) are included in the tables below. The following analyses compare the FY' 2015-16 appropriations for the CSDE and OEC with the agencies' proposed appropriations in the governor's latest FY' 2016-17 budget proposal.

In the governor's most recent budget proposal, the "Agency Operations" consolidations are restored and fringe benefits are returned for both the CSDE and OEC. Additionally, the OEC has been reduced to only two line-items: "Agency Operations" and "Early Care and Education." To provide more information, the line-items are shown in the below tables as they currently exist with "Agency Operations" highlighted in yellow and "Early Care and Education" in gray.

When comparing the governor's latest FY' 2016-17 budget proposal to the FY' 2015-16 adjusted budget, there are significant changes in the CSDE budget, including:

1. **(\$43.4 million)** for the Education Cost Sharing grant (Note: Though towns will have decreases totaling \$53 million, it appears the General Fund will pick up \$10 million for ECS that was separately funded from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Account);
2. **(\$25 million)** for transportation grants, the funding for which is transferred to the Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund;
3. **(\$16 million)** for magnet schools;
4. **(\$8 million)** for Excess Costs special education grants;
5. **(\$7.6 million)** to eliminate summer school and extended day portions and reduce the Priority School District grant;
6. **(\$3.2 million)** to reduce funding for the Regional Vocational Technical High Schools;
7. **(\$1.6 million)** to reduce the Adult Education grant;
8. \$62 million for fringe benefits;
9. \$10.5 million for charter schools;
10. \$3.5 million for Open Choice;
11. \$1.9 million for state-administered assessments; and
12. \$1 million for the Commissioner's Network of schools.

For the OEC, when comparing the governor's latest FY' 2016-17 budget proposal to the FY' 2015-16 adjusted budget, there are significant changes, including:

1. **(\$4.2 million)** to eliminate about 1,600 part-time, high-quality preschool slots and over 240 extended-day spaces and replace them with about 800 school day, school year slots (across programs);
2. **(\$1.4 million)** to reduce early intervention programming for infants and toddlers;
3. \$2.1 million to fund child care centers (including high quality preschool);
4. \$1.5 million which represents costs to create some of the 800 new slots mentioned above; and
5. \$1.2 million for child care programs for working lower-income families.

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Please note this analysis does not address FY' 2015-16 estimated expenditures. For example, H.B. 5043, the FY' 2015-16 deficiency bill, includes an OEC deficit of over \$6 million in the Birth to Three program account. Dealing with agency program deficiencies during a "fiscal crisis" is always complicated and rather than address this or any other program shortfall here, only the financial resources (e.g. FY' 2015-16 appropriations as adjusted and the governor's latest FY' 2016-17 budget proposal) for CSDE and OEC are shown below.

***Note: This summary and analysis is intended for informational purposes only, and should not be construed as either supporting or opposing any of the provisions in the proposed budget.***

**CSDE FY' 2015-16 Adjusted Appropriations and the Governor's Latest FY' 2016-17 Budget**

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY' 2015-16 Appropriations Adjusted (Includes Savings, FAC Action)</b>	<b>FY' 2016-17 Governor's April Budget</b>	<b>\$ Change FY' 2015-16 Appropriations Adjusted to Governor's April FY' 2016-17 Budget</b>
10010 - Personal Services	18,705,615	18,783,543	77,928
10020 - Other Expenses	3,894,151	3,624,378	(269,773)
12171 - Development of Mastery Exams Grades 4, 6, 8	12,525,022	14,455,740	1,930,718
12198 - Primary Mental Health	401,577	398,618	(2,959)
12211 - Leadership, Education, Athletics in Partnership (LEAP)	647,263		(647,263)
12216 - Adult Education Action	227,009	224,580	(2,429)
12253 - Connecticut Pre-Engineering Program	221,486		(221,486)
12261 - Connecticut Writing Project	65,248		(65,248)
12290 - Resource Equity Assessments	149,043	150,480	1,437
12318 - Neighborhood Youth Centers	1,070,262		(1,070,262)
12405 - Longitudinal Data Systems	1,128,895	1,610,240	481,345
12453 - School Accountability	1,355,508	1,395,379	39,871
12457 - Sheff Settlement	11,032,475	11,457,521	425,046
12468 - CommPACT Schools	329,175		(329,175)

Account	FY' 2015-16 Appropriations Adjusted (Includes Savings, FAC Action)	FY' 2016-17 Governor's April Budget	\$ Change FY' 2015-16 Appropriations Adjusted to Governor's April FY' 2016-17 Budget
12506 - Parent Trust Fund Program	421,069	443,270	22,201
12519 - Regional Vocational-Technical School System	163,008,650	159,841,778	(3,166,872)
12544 - Wrap Around Services	0		0
12547 - Commissioner's Network	11,536,628	12,770,875	1,234,247
12549 - New or Replicated Schools	319,446	391,057	71,611
12550 - Bridges to Success	189,643		(189,643)
12551 - K-3 Reading Assessment Pilot	2,717,655	2,435,766	(281,889)
12552 - Talent Development	8,154,537	8,360,134	205,597
12566 - Common Core	5,013,283	5,368,864	355,581
12567 - Alternative High School and Adult Reading Incentive Program	174,688		(174,688)
12568 - Special Master	1,357,685	910,697	(446,988)
12587 - School-Based Diversion Initiative	990,000	942,500	(47,500)
16021 - American School For The Deaf	9,889,412	9,543,829	(345,583)
16062 - Regional Education Services	1,005,062	329,875	(675,187)

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16110 - Family Resource Centers	8,041,751	7,692,604	(349,147)
16201 - Youth Service Bureau Enhancement	544,207	579,170	34,963
16211 - Child Nutrition State Match	2,348,084	2,218,645	(129,439)
16212 - Health Foods Initiative	4,248,055	4,016,762	(231,293)
17017 - Vocational Agriculture	11,017,600	10,384,088	(633,512)
17027 - Transportation of School Children	22,329,451	0	(22,329,451)
17030 - Adult Education	21,035,200	19,450,742	(1,584,458)
17034 - Health and Welfare Services Pupils Private Schools	3,618,668	3,554,221	(64,447)
17041 - Education Equalization Grants*	2,048,215,809	2,004,801,586	(43,414,223)
17042 - Bilingual Education	2,971,936	3,290,390	318,454
17043 - Priority School Districts	43,747,208	36,138,014	(7,609,194)
17044 - Young Parents Program	216,462	213,982	(2,480)
17045 - Interdistrict Cooperation	6,821,595	6,535,452	(286,143)
17046 - School Breakfast Program	2,378,796	2,243,114	(135,682)
17047 - Excess Cost - Student Based	139,805,731	131,766,901	(8,038,830)
17049 - Non-Public School Transportation	3,416,985	0	(3,416,985)

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17052 - Youth Service Bureaus	2,832,798	2,676,516	(156,282)
17053 - Open Choice Program	36,769,970	40,258,605	3,488,635
17057 - Magnet Schools	322,419,980	306,265,832	(16,154,148)
17084 - After School Program	5,285,472	4,284,182	(1,001,290)
Fringe Benefits		62,015,420	62,015,420
Charter Schools	100,212,616	110,762,922	10,550,306
<b>Total State Department of Education</b>	<b>3,044,808,861</b>	<b>3,012,588,273</b>	<b>(32,220,588)</b>

Governor's latest FY' 2016-17 budget proposal consolidates these highlighted accounts into "Agency Operations."

\*While the ECS account (per the Governor's April budget) includes both the ECS grants and charter school funding, they are shown separately here to provide more information to readers.

## OEC FY' 2015-16 Adjusted Appropriations and the Governor's Latest FY' 2016-17 Budget

Account	FY' 2015-16 Appropriations Adjusted (Includes Savings, FAC Action)	FY' 2016-17 Governor's April Budget	\$ Change FY' 2015-16 Appropriations Adjusted to Governor's April FY' 2016-17 Budget
10010 - Personal Services	8,066,845	8,196,179	129,334
10020 - Other Expenses	572,647	323,886	(248,761)
12042 - Children's Trust Fund	10,999,139	11,033,788	34,649
12113 - Early Childhood Program	10,550,900	12,082,145	1,531,245
12192 - Early Intervention	24,630,270	23,267,313	(1,362,957)
12495 - Community Plans for Early Childhood	659,580	664,905	5,325
12496 - Improving Early Literacy	133,306	0	(133,306)
12520 - Child Care Services	16,956,490	19,081,942	2,125,452
12569 - EvenStart	438,940	0	(438,940)
16101 - Head Start Services	5,609,002	5,306,834	(302,168)
16147 - Child Care Services-TANF/CCDBG	120,930,084	122,130,084	1,200,000
16158 - Child Care Quality Enhancements	3,025,162	2,925,790	(99,372)
16202 - Head Start - Early Childhood Link	648,824	0	(648,824)
16265 - Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership	787,500	1,225,250	437,750
17097 - School Readiness Quality Enhancement	3,847,911	4,407,206	559,295
17101 - School Readiness	83,235,093	79,039,381	(4,195,712)
Fringe Benefits		3,255,861	3,255,861
<b>Total Office of Early Childhood</b>	<b>291,091,693</b>	<b>292,940,564</b>	<b>1,848,871</b>

Governor's latest FY' 2016-17 budget proposal consolidates these highlighted accounts into "Agency Operations."

Governor's latest FY' 2016-17 budget proposal consolidates these highlighted accounts into "Early Care and Education."

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