

Sheff Settlement Summary

Highlights of the detailed and complex settlement include the following:

- To the extent necessary to meet demand for Choice seats by Hartford students, the State will increase available Choice seats over the number of available seats in 2020-21 by up to 913 by 23-24, up to 1,863 seats by 25-26, and up to 2,737 seats by 28-29.
- By 25-26, the state expects to meet entry grade demand for Hartford students for Choice schools.
- By 28-29, the state expects to meet demand for Hartford students for all grades in Choice schools. The state will continue to make ongoing adjustments to continue to meet demand as it changes over the years, with the next measurable assessment of demand in 2031-32 and every three years thereafter.
- State funding will include the costs of all the additional seats identified above, to the extent needed to meet demand. In addition to added seats at existing Choice magnet schools, the State will provide financial incentives for suburban Open Choice schools to accept additional Hartford students, with the goal of adding 450 new seats, net of attrition.
- In addition to expansion within existing physical capacity, the plan includes new or expanded programs to meet demand and further state priorities as follows:
 - A dual language magnet at Dwight-Belizzi School in Hartford, beginning with PK4 and phasing-in through 8th grade year-by-year.
 - A new Goodwin University early literacy preschool Choice program in a renovated building in Rocky Hill.
 - A new Goodwin University technical high school magnet on the Goodwin property for 9th-12th grade students.
 - Retheming and expansion of Two Rivers and Civic Leadership magnet schools to focus on computer programming and coding with partnerships with Amazon and Microsoft.
 - Implementation of half day program at Goodwin University for Hartford and suburban students for Early College Advanced Manufacturing Pathway (ECAMP) model to expand opportunities for dual-credit programming.
 - Expansion of pre-k programs in existing magnet schools
 - Addition of early college programming at Connecticut IB Magnet in East Hartford with expansion to capacity.
- Because certain current Choice schools are not presently meeting diversity and reduced racial isolation goals, the agreement also provides for \$12.6 million over 3 years to take necessary steps to reformulate those schools to make them sufficiently competitive with other schools so that they will attract a more diverse student body.
- In addition to the \$12.6 million referenced above, enhancements and supports to Choice programming will include:
 - \$6.8m over 3 years to provide or increase athletics at magnets.
 - \$7.8m over 2 years for enhanced extracurricular offerings at magnets.
 - Continuing review, support and enhancements for schools that are not yet meeting diversity goals.
 - Additional financial and other supports to help all Open Choice, CTECS and magnet schools provide welcoming and inclusive environments for all students.
 - A continuing commitment to cooperation and planning with the Hartford Public Schools to accommodate changes from the agreement and future enrollment impacts.
- Continuing ongoing court jurisdiction will end with the approval of the Phase V agreement. The state will be subject to an injunction for 10 years requiring its continued compliance with the material terms of the agreement, but there will no ongoing court involvement unless there is a claim of noncompliance with a specified material term.

OPM Fiscal Note:

Account	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 29	FY 32
Magnet School					
Operating	514,301	4,442,409	9,031,762	15,896,110	15,896,110
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Transportation	150,500	1,427,476	2,893,283	5,802,035	5,802,035
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Settlement	517,518	12,334,185	12,884,185	350,000	350,000
Open Choice	60,000	8,018,000	8,518,000	9,518,000	9,518,000
Total	1,242,319	26,222,070	33,327,229	31,566,145	31,566,145

- Costs reflect the total estimated operating costs of meeting 95% of demand for students who applied to 2 Magnet Schools or more, CTECs or Open Choice, in line with the negotiated demand formula.
- Assumes rollout of approximately 1,497 seats across programs listed above for Hartford residents by FY2029, and further assumes that demand is met in FY2029 and no additional seats are necessary thereafter.