

Department of Education

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
General Fund	284	284	290	291	291	291	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
Personal Services	14,177,486	16,428,687	17,276,641	18,557,641	18,557,641	18,557,641	-
Other Expenses	8,558,633	9,477,262	18,884,863	28,295,963	3,770,963	3,920,963	150,000
Other Current Expenses							
Admin - Adult Education	754,634	692,322	750,000	-	-	-	-
Development of Mastery Exams Grades 4, 6, and 8	10,469,130	10,679,818	10,571,192	10,571,192	10,571,192	10,571,192	-
Primary Mental Health	303,829	318,783	335,288	335,288	314,288	314,288	-
Leadership, Education, Athletics in Partnership (LEAP)	312,211	312,211	312,211	312,211	249,769	312,211	62,442
Adult Education Action	159,958	184,198	169,534	169,534	159,534	159,534	-
Connecticut Writing Project	47,608	95,250	95,250	95,250	76,200	95,250	19,050
CT Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	800,000	1,000,000	200,000
Sheff Settlement	18,041,772	15,911,524	23,714,911	18,721,292	18,721,292	18,721,292	-
Admin - After School Programs	57,207	28,604	57,207	-	-	-	-
Parent Trust Fund Program	267,193	267,193	267,193	350,000	350,000	350,000	-
Commissioner's Network	9,791,557	9,816,696	9,869,398	9,869,398	9,817,398	9,817,398	-
Local Charter Schools	885,000	921,000	957,000	957,000	957,000	957,000	-
Bridges to Success	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000	21,600	27,000	5,400
Talent Development	1,902,567	1,911,920	2,068,449	2,068,449	4,068,449	4,068,449	-
School-Based Diversion Initiative	887,426	880,916	900,000	900,000	720,000	900,000	180,000
EdSight	1,126,070	1,138,906	1,140,690	1,140,690	1,640,690	1,640,690	-
Sheff Transportation	67,676,250	66,701,459	77,661,541	80,326,212	80,326,212	80,326,212	-
Curriculum and Standards	2,215,773	2,215,782	4,215,782	4,215,782	8,715,782	6,215,782	(2,500,000)
Non-Sheff Transportation	13,476,380	14,453,806	14,275,787	14,275,787	14,275,787	14,275,787	-
Aspiring Educators Scholarship Program	255,000	836,665	4,000,000	6,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	-
Education Finance Reform	-	143,364,584	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance to Paraeducators	-	5,000,000	-	-	-	-	-
Dual Credit	-	-	-	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	-
Local Food for Local Schools Incentive Program	-	-	1,500,000	3,430,000	3,430,000	3,430,000	-
Office of Dyslexia	-	-	680,000	680,000	680,000	1,180,000	500,000
Special Education Initiatives	-	-	-	-	1,800,000	3,300,000	1,500,000
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
American School For The Deaf	10,757,514	11,557,514	12,357,514	12,357,514	12,357,514	12,757,514	400,000
Regional Education Services	196,875	247,221	262,500	262,500	254,500	254,500	-
Family Resource Centers	6,662,824	6,317,398	6,352,710	7,000,000	5,734,858	7,000,000	1,265,142
Charter Schools	131,251,382	137,284,535	141,803,548	144,122,548	147,112,541	147,337,541	225,000
Child Nutrition State Match	2,354,000	2,354,000	2,354,000	2,354,000	2,877,755	2,877,755	-
Health Foods Initiative	4,151,463	4,151,463	4,151,463	4,151,463	4,151,463	4,151,463	-
Various Grants	-	-	-	-	12,288,800	15,746,000	3,457,200

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Rose City Learning	-	-	159,000	159,000	127,200	240,185	112,985
SERC	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
Teacher Residency RESC Alliance	-	-	-	-	-	750,000	750,000
Grant Payments to Local Governments							
Vocational Agriculture	19,583,200	18,824,200	26,333,711	26,295,732	26,132,180	26,132,180	-
Adult Education	22,537,660	23,031,044	20,944,983	25,953,382	21,694,983	25,356,130	3,661,147
Health and Welfare Services							
Pupils Private Schools	3,438,415	3,438,415	3,438,415	6,447,702	3,438,415	3,438,415	-
Education Equalization Grants	2,231,164,150	2,286,719,850	2,456,768,109	2,456,935,081	2,458,678,956	2,456,935,081	(1,743,875)
Bilingual Education	3,783,024	3,808,410	3,832,260	3,832,260	3,832,260	3,832,260	-
Priority School Districts	30,816,420	30,818,778	30,818,778	30,818,778	30,818,778	30,818,778	-
Interdistrict Cooperation	1,682,967	1,789,428	1,537,500	1,537,500	1,537,500	1,537,500	-
School Breakfast Program	2,158,900	2,158,900	2,158,900	2,158,900	14,158,900	14,158,900	-
Excess Cost - Student Based	181,152,455	181,253,066	221,119,782	221,119,782	221,119,782	221,119,782	-
Open Choice Program	30,741,927	31,058,756	30,472,503	31,472,503	31,472,503	31,472,503	-
Magnet Schools	279,195,021	270,082,816	320,425,940	344,345,603	332,345,603	339,255,603	6,910,000
After School Program	5,308,884	5,693,487	5,693,488	5,750,695	5,750,695	5,750,695	-
Extended School Hours	2,918,405	2,919,646	2,919,883	2,919,883	2,919,883	2,919,883	-
School Accountability	3,412,207	3,411,639	3,412,207	3,412,207	3,412,207	3,412,207	-
High Dosage Tutoring Grants	-	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	2,000,000	(3,000,000)
Special Education and Expansion Development	-	-	30,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000	-
High Quality Special Ed Incentives	-	-	-	9,900,000	9,900,000	8,900,000	(1,000,000)
Learner Engagement and Attendance Program	-	-	-	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	-
School Based Behavioral Health Grants	-	-	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	-
Agency Total - General Fund	3,125,660,377	3,329,585,152	3,518,047,131	3,593,605,722	3,589,141,073	3,601,295,564	12,154,491

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Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for Various School Meal Programs

Child Nutrition State Match	523,755	523,755	-
School Breakfast Program	12,000,000	12,000,000	-
Total - General Fund	12,523,755	12,523,755	-

Background

Additional funding for school meals was provided via ARPA in FY 23 through FY 25 as follows:

- **FY 23:** Approximately \$57.8 million for universal free meals
- **FY 24:** Approximately \$12.9 million for universal free breakfast and for free lunch for students who qualify for reduced price meals
- **FY 25:** A portion of unspent prior year ARPA school meals allocations was used for free meals for students who qualify for reduced price meals. This funding impacted students who did not already receive free meals due to either their school or district's participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program or individual eligibility for free meals in a non-CEP school. Under CEP, schools and districts with at least 25% direct certified students (i.e., students eligible for free meals due to participation in some other assistance program) can choose to provide free meals to all students.

Governor

Provide funding of \$12,523,755 in FY 27 for universal free breakfast and for free lunch for students who qualify for reduced price meals.

Legislative

Same as Governor

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Provide Funding for Various COVID-Era Programs

Talent Development	2,000,000	2,000,000	-
EdSight	500,000	500,000	-
School Based Behavioral Health Grants	5,000,000	5,000,000	-
Total - General Fund	7,500,000	7,500,000	-

Background

Connecticut Teacher Registered Apprenticeship Program: PA 23-167 established the Connecticut Teacher Registered Apprenticeship Program beginning FY 24 and required SDE, with certification from the Department of Labor, to leverage federal funding for the program. The program served four registered apprentices in two pilot school districts, New Britain and Waterbury, in its first year. The program has since expanded to serve 54 registered apprentices in seven school districts.

The Center for Connecticut Education Research Collaboration (CCERC): CCERC is a collaborative of public and private universities across the state. It was founded during the COVID-19 pandemic, using federal coronavirus relief funds, to evaluate K-12 education interventions and spending in response to the pandemic.

School-Based Behavioral Health Initiatives: A behavioral health pilot program focused on coordinating resources for behavioral health supports during the COVID-19 pandemic. It currently serves seven school districts and has been funded by GEER II funds, matched by SDE's ARP ESSER funds since FY 22.

Governor

Provide funding of \$7.5 million in FY 27 to continue three programs created during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Connecticut Teacher Registered Apprenticeship program will be funded within the Talent Development account and expanded to fund 75 registered teacher apprentices through the Talent Development account. The behavioral health initiatives program will be expanded to an additional 13 districts (20 districts in total). The CCERC will be funded within the EdSight account.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Reduce Funding for RESC Magnet Operational Support

Magnet Schools	(12,000,000)	(5,590,000)	6,410,000
Total - General Fund	(12,000,000)	(5,590,000)	6,410,000

Background

PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, provided \$12 million in additional funding in FY 27 to RESC and other non-local board of education magnet school operators. The funding is to be distributed to operators proportionally based on enrollment pursuant to Section 224 of PA 25-174, the FY 26 and FY 27 bond bill.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$12 million in FY 27 to eliminate additional RESC magnet school operational support (including to other non-local board of education magnet school operators).

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$5.59 million in FY 27 for RESC and other non-board of education magnet operational support. A total of \$6.41 million is provided (instead of \$12 million) and is to be distributed to operators proportionally based on enrollment pursuant to Section 99 of PA 26-76. This funding combined with the supplemental education aid for RESC magnet schools (see "Other Significant Legislation" below) results in total operational support of \$11.96 million.

Adjust Funding for Various Statutory Grants

Adult Education	(3,661,147)	-	3,661,147
Health and Welfare Services Pupils Private Schools	(3,017,493)	(3,017,493)	-
Total - General Fund	(6,678,640)	(3,017,493)	3,661,147

Background

Adult Education: Towns are reimbursed for their current costs associated with adult education programs on a sliding scale that varies based on town wealth. PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, capped the grant in FY 26 only. PA 26-1 provided \$1.7 million in additional funding for Adult Education for distribution in FY 26, which may be carried forward into FY 27 if not distributed in the current fiscal year.

Health and Welfare Services for Private School Pupils: School districts are required to provide the same health services to nonpublic, nonprofit school students that are provided to public school students in those districts as long as the majority of the nonpublic school's enrollment resides in Connecticut. Towns are reimbursed for these costs on a sliding scale that varies based on

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town wealth. PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, capped the grant in FY 26 only; the grant had previously been capped for many years.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$6,678,640 in FY 27 to maintain funding at FY 26 levels for Adult Education and Health and Welfare Services for Private School Pupils.

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$3,017,493 in FY 27 to reflect extending the cap (through FY 27) on the Health and Welfare Services for Private School Pupils grant pursuant to Section 378 of PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, as amended by PA 26-76. Maintain funding of \$3,661,147 in FY 27 for Adult Education and do not cap the grant.

Reduce Funding for High Dosage Tutoring

High Dosage Tutoring Grants	-	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)
Total - General Fund	-	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)

Background

The State Department of Education allocated \$11.1 million in ESSER funding for high dosage math tutoring in middle and high school in FY 24. Section 316 of PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, established a high dosage tutoring matching grant program and provided \$5 million in funding beginning in FY 27.

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$3 million in FY 27 for high dosage tutoring grants. Funding of \$2 million remains.

Provide Funding for a Statewide Literacy Strategy and Curriculum

Curriculum and Standards	4,500,000	2,000,000	(2,500,000)
Total - General Fund	4,500,000	2,000,000	(2,500,000)

Background

PA 21-2 JSS established the Right to Read program in Connecticut and created the Center for Literacy Research and Reading Success to implement the program. Under the program, local and regional boards of education must adopt a science-backed curriculum to teach reading. Approximately \$12.9 million in ARPA funding was approved for the program in FY 23 and FY 24. PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, provides \$2 million in FY 26 and \$1.6 million in FY 27 for the Science of Reading Masterclass, which provides educators with professional learning and coaching related to literacy instruction.

In 2013, Mississippi passed legislation to place emphasis on grade-level reading skills and research-based reading instruction methods as students progress through grades K-3. The legislation specifically created supports for teachers in grades K-3, curriculum specialists, and other educators. Since the passage of this legislation, Mississippi has seen significant improvements in students' reading skills.

Governor

Provide funding of \$4.5 million in FY 27 for a statewide literacy strategy and curriculum. A statewide literacy coaching network will be under the direction of SDE's Center for Literacy Research and Success. Funding will support literacy coaches for 50 schools across the state, focusing on Title I-eligible schools. Coaches will work with school staff to lesson plan, model and demonstrate lessons, implement universal screening programs, engage families, collect and review data, and create action plans.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$2 million in FY 27 for a statewide literacy strategy and curriculum.

Provide Funding for Various Grants

Various Grants	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
Total - General Fund	-	1,500,000	1,500,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$1.5 million in FY 27 to Various Grants for various programs and initiatives as listed below and specified in Section 12 of PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, as amended by PA 26-76, and Section 11 of PA 26-76.

Appendix A identifies the FY 27 recipients of legislatively directed funds. Adjustments to funding amounts or recipient allocations contained in the FY 27 Revised Budget are detailed at the end of the agency's budget sheets.

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Reduce Funding for High Quality Special Education Grant

High Quality Special Ed Incentives	-	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
Total - General Fund	-	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)

Background

Section 19 of PA 25-93 established a competitive grant program for local and regional boards of education to support in-district or regional special education programming and services for students with disabilities and provided \$9.9 million in funding for the program beginning in FY 27.

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$1 million in FY 27 for High Quality Special Education Incentives. Grant funding of \$8.9 million remains.

Provide Funding to Goodwin University Magnet Schools

Magnet Schools	-	500,000	500,000
Total - General Fund	-	500,000	500,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY 27 to Goodwin University Magnet Schools for operational support.

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Provide Funding for Other Expenses for the Office of Dyslexia

Office of Dyslexia	-	500,000	500,000
Total - General Fund	-	500,000	500,000

Background

PA 21-168 established the Office of Dyslexia and Reading Disabilities. The office is responsible for verifying educator preparation programs and certificates relating to instruction and training for scientifically-based reading, structured literacy, and dyslexia and supporting the implementation of related regulations and policies.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY 27 for Other Expenses within the Office of Dyslexia.

Provide Funding for the American School for the Deaf

American School For The Deaf	-	400,000	400,000
Total - General Fund	-	400,000	400,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$400,000 in FY 27 for the American School for the Deaf.

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Provide Funding for New Charter School Planning Grants

Charter Schools	-	225,000	225,000
Total - General Fund	-	225,000	225,000

Legislative

Provide funding of \$225,000 in FY 27 for planning grants for three new charter schools that have been approved by the State Board of Education. Olam Stamford, PROUD Ansonia, and Taino CoLAB Waterbury will each receive \$75,000 for a one-time planning grant pursuant to Section 377 of PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, as amended by PA 26-76.

Provide Funding to CAS for a Principal Mentorship Program

Various Grants	-	150,000	150,000
Total - General Fund	-	150,000	150,000

Background

Section 2 of PA 26-139 establishes a new school administrator mentorship pilot program. The Connecticut Advisory Council for School Administrator Professional Standards and the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) are tasked with creating a plan for

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implementing a pilot program for a new school administrator mentorship program by July 1, 2027. The pilot program must then be implemented in FY 28.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$150,000 for CAS to develop a mentoring program for new administrators in collaboration with the Connecticut Advisory Council for School Administrator Professional Standards pursuant to Section 2 of PA 26-139.

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Provide Funding for an Externship Pilot Program

Other Expenses	-	100,000	100,000
Total - General Fund	-	100,000	100,000

Background

Section 26 of PA 26-12 requires SDE to establish a two-year pilot program for certified educator externships. The program will provide experiential learning for certified educators through partnerships with private sector employers to align classroom instruction with industry standards and workforce needs.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$100,000 in FY 27 for an externship pilot program pursuant to Section 26 of PA 26-12.

Provide Funding for New Requirements Regarding Non-Public School Students

Other Expenses	-	50,000	50,000
Total - General Fund	-	50,000	50,000

Background

PA 26-37 establishes a regulatory framework for children who are educated outside of public schools.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$50,000 in FY 27 to implement the provisions of PA 26-37 including: (1) developing various forms for the framework established by the bill; and (2) updating the statewide education data system (EdSight) to include data about students being instructed through parent-managed learning.

Transfer Legislative Grants to Separate Accounts

Other Expenses	(15,361,000)	(15,361,000)	-
Various Grants	15,361,000	15,361,000	-
Total - General Fund	-	-	-

Governor

Transfer funding of \$15,361,000 from the Other Expenses account to the Various Grants account in FY 27.

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Legislative

Same as Governor

Reduce Funding for Various Grants

Various Grants	-	(15,000)	(15,000)
Total - General Fund	-	(15,000)	(15,000)

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$15,000 in FY 27 to Various Grants to reflect eliminating a \$10,000 grant to Newington Public Schools for diverse library materials and a \$5,000 grant to the Martin Luther King Scholarship Committee of Greater Middletown pursuant to Section 12 of PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, as amended by PA 26-76. (This funding was previously within Other Expenses and then moved to Various Grants.)

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Transfer Funding from Various Grants to Teacher Residency RESC Alliance and SERC

Various Grants	-	(1,250,000)	(1,250,000)
SERC	-	500,000	500,000
Teacher Residency RESC Alliance	-	750,000	750,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-

Background

The RESC Alliance Teacher in Residency Program is a program that provides an alternate route to elementary certification. The program is based on a residency model that focuses on recruitment, preparation, and placement for aspiring teachers in Connecticut.

The State Education Resource Center (SERC) is a quasi-public agency that provides professional development, research, and other technical assistance and training to schools and districts.

Legislative

Transfer funding of \$1.25 million from Various Grants to Teacher Residency RESC Alliance and SERC in FY 27. Funding of \$750,000 is provided to the RESC Alliance Teacher Residency Program and \$500,000 to SERC for disconnected youth programming. (This funding was previously within Other Expenses and then moved to Various Grants.)

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Maintain Legislative Grants

Leadership, Education, Athletics in Partnership (LEAP)	(62,442)	-	62,442
Connecticut Writing Project	(19,050)	-	19,050
CT Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs	(200,000)	-	200,000
Bridges to Success	(5,400)	-	5,400
School-Based Diversion Initiative	(180,000)	-	180,000
Family Resource Centers	(1,265,142)	-	1,265,142
Various Grants	(3,072,200)	-	3,072,200
Rose City Learning	(31,800)	81,185	112,985
Total - General Fund	(4,836,034)	81,185	4,917,219

Governor

Reduce various accounts by \$4,836,034 in FY 27 to reflect a reduction to legislative grants.

Legislative

Maintain funding for legislative grants and provide additional funding of \$81,185 to Rose City Learning in FY 27.

Appendix A identifies the FY 27 recipients of legislatively directed funds. Adjustments to funding amounts or recipient allocations contained in the FY 27 Revised Budget are detailed at the end of the agency's budget sheets.

Current Services

Adjust Funding for Special Education Initiatives

Other Expenses	(9,164,000)	(9,164,000)	-
Special Education Initiatives	1,800,000	3,300,000	1,500,000
SERC	-	500,000	500,000
Total - General Fund	(7,364,000)	(5,364,000)	2,000,000

Background

PA 25-93 and PA 25-67 establish various requirements related to special education including: (1) a special education training, education and testing competitive grant program for special education educators and paraeducators; (2) a grant for support services for special education students who have experienced trauma or have behavioral health needs; and (3) reporting.

PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, provided funding in excess of what is required to meet the requirements of PA 25-93 and PA 25-67.

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Governor

Reduce funding by \$7,364,000 in FY 27 to align funding with requirements relating to special education. Transfer the remaining funding designated for special education initiatives included in PA 25-93 and PA 25-67, \$1.8 million, from Other Expenses to a new Special Education Initiatives account.

Legislative

Reduce funding by \$5,364,000 in FY 27 to align funding with requirements relating to special education and provide additional funding to certain grant programs.

Transfer \$3.3 million of the remaining funding to a new Special Education Initiatives account, of which \$1.8 million was designated in the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget to fund special education initiatives included in PA 25-93 and PA 25-67, and an additional \$1.5 million is provided to the account as follows:

- \$1 million for grants for support services to special education students who have experienced trauma or have behavioral health needs pursuant to Section 26 of PA 25-93, resulting in total FY 27 funding for these grants of \$1.5 million
- \$500,000 for competitive grants for training, education, and testing expenses incurred by special education educators and paraeducators pursuant to Section 25 of PA 25-93, resulting in total FY 27 funding for these grants of \$1 million

Transfer \$500,000 from Other Expenses to SERC.

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Provide Funding to Reflect Updated Grant Calculations for Choice School Programs

Charter Schools	2,989,993	2,989,993	-
Vocational Agriculture	(163,552)	(163,552)	-
Total - General Fund	2,826,441	2,826,441	-

Background

Charter Schools: State charter schools are funded through a partially need-based formula based on the ECS formula. PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, provided funding for Stamford Big Picture to open in FY 26 and a one-time planning grant for Taino CoLAB New Haven in FY 26.

Vocational Agriculture: The state Vocational Agriculture grant is a partially need-based formula that uses components of the ECS formula to determine grant amounts for out-of-district students and for an in-district student, a grant of \$5,200 per student.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,826,441 in FY 27 based on projected enrollment and demographic information. Additional funding is provided in the Charter Schools account for Taino CoLAB New Haven to open in FY 27.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Reduce Funding for Aspiring Educators Scholarship Program

Aspiring Educators Scholarship Program	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	-
Total - General Fund	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	-

Background

Sections 11 and 18 of PA 23-167 established the Aspiring Educators Scholarship Program. The program provides eligible students with scholarships of up to \$10,000 per year of enrollment in teacher preparation programs. In FY 25, 149 scholarships were awarded and approximately \$837,000 was expended from the account.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2 million in FY 27 for the Aspiring Educators Scholarship Program to reflect anticipated FY 26 spending.

Legislative

Same as Governor

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Adjust ECS Funding to Reflect Updated Grant Calculations

Education Equalization Grants	1,743,875	-	(1,743,875)
Total - General Fund	1,743,875	-	(1,743,875)

Background

The Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grant is the primary source of state funding to local and regional school districts. Funding is distributed primarily based on enrollment, the number of free and reduced price lunch students and English learners, and town income and property wealth per capita. Each year, the student and town level data used in the formula are updated which may result in changes to a town's grant.

PA 25-168, the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget, extended the general hold harmless provision through the biennium to eliminate reductions for towns considered overfunded by the formula. Reductions for overfunded towns are set to resume in FY 28 with overfunded towns expected to reach full funding in FY 34. Underfunded towns reached full funding in FY 26.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,743,875 in FY 27 to fund ECS under current law, based on preliminary FY 26 enrollment and demographic data.

Legislative

Do not provide funding of \$1,743,875 in FY 27 to fund ECS under current law. There are no changes to the ECS formula. Supplementary education funding to towns is provided as described below in "Other Significant Legislation."

Adjust Funding for Various Formula Grants

Adult Education	(597,252)	(597,252)	-
Health and Welfare Services Pupils Private Schools	8,206	8,206	-
Total - General Fund	(589,046)	(589,046)	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$589,046 in FY 27 to reflect projected formula grant totals. (See also the Policy Revisions adjustment.)

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Primary Mental Health	(21,000)	(21,000)	-
Adult Education Action	(10,000)	(10,000)	-
Commissioner's Network	(52,000)	(52,000)	-
Regional Education Services	(8,000)	(8,000)	-
Total - General Fund	(91,000)	(91,000)	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$91,000 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Carryforward

Provide Funding for Supplemental Education Aid

Supplemental Education	-	178,000,000	178,000,000
Total - Carryforward Funding	-	178,000,000	178,000,000

Legislative

Section 390 of PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, appropriates \$183 million in volatility revenue to SDE in FY 26. Funding of \$5 million is designated for Hartford in FY 26 and the remainder, \$178 million, is designated for FY 27 spending (see "Other Significant Legislation").

Account	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
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Carryforward Funding to Effective School Solutions

Other Expenses	-	450,000	450,000
Total - Carryforward Funding	-	450,000	450,000

Background

The FY 26 and FY 27 Budget provided \$450,000 in FY 26 and \$350,000 in FY 27 to Effective School Solutions.

Legislative

Carry forward funding of up to \$450,000 from FY 26 to FY 27 for Effective School Solutions. The FY 27 funding from the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget additionally remains in place.

Appendix A identifies the FY 27 recipients of legislatively directed funds. Adjustments to funding amounts or recipient allocations contained in the FY 27 Revised Budget are detailed at the end of the agency's budget sheets.

Carryforward Funding to Free Agent Now

Other Expenses	-	200,000	200,000
Total - Carryforward Funding	-	200,000	200,000

Background

The FY 26 and FY 27 Budget provided \$200,000 in FY 26 to Free Agent Now.

Legislative

Carry forward funding of \$200,000 from FY 26 to FY 27 for Free Agent Now.

Appendix A identifies the FY 27 recipients of legislatively directed funds. Adjustments to funding amounts or recipient allocations contained in the FY 27 Revised Budget are detailed at the end of the agency's budget sheets.

Carryforward Funding to Burns Latino Academy

Other Expenses	-	90,000	90,000
Total - Carryforward Funding	-	90,000	90,000

Legislative

Provide funding of up to \$90,000 in FY 27 for Burns Latino Academy for musical instruments and instruction.

Appendix A identifies the FY 27 recipients of legislatively directed funds. Adjustments to funding amounts or recipient allocations contained in the FY 27 Revised Budget are detailed at the end of the agency's budget sheets.

Carryforward Funding to Bridgeport Debate League

Other Expenses	-	75,000	75,000
Total - Carryforward Funding	-	75,000	75,000

Background

The FY 26 and FY 27 Budget provided \$75,000 in each of FY 26 and FY 27 for the Bridgeport Public Schools Debate League.

Legislative

Carry forward funding of \$75,000 from FY 26 to FY 27 for United Way of Coastal and Western Connecticut for the Bridgeport Public Schools Debate League. The FY 27 funding from the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget additionally remains in place.

Appendix A identifies the FY 27 recipients of legislatively directed funds. Adjustments to funding amounts or recipient allocations contained in the FY 27 Revised Budget are detailed at the end of the agency's budget sheets.

Other Significant Legislation

PA 26-68, An Act Making Adjustments to the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2027, Making Deficiency Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026, Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State and Concerning Provisions Relating to Revenue, School Construction and Other Items to Implement the State Budget.

Section 390 appropriates \$183 million to SDE in FY 26. The funding is designated for FY 27 spending (except Hartford receives \$5 million of its grant in FY 26 per Section 391) as follows:

- \$162.2 million for supplemental education aid grants, to supplement ECS grants, with town awards listed in statute and every town receiving a grant
- \$8.7 million for charter schools
- \$5.55 million for RESC operated magnet schools (inclusive of Goodwin and Great Path) to increase the per student grant amount to operators
- \$2.75 million for board of education operated magnet schools to increase the per student grant amount to operators
- \$800,000 for vocational agriculture
- \$3 million for SDE to administer such grants and implement voluntary local school district fiscal oversight activities pursuant to Section 388 of PA 26-76, the FY 27 Revised Budget

Sections 393-395 transfer, in FY 26, \$10,945,502 from the Probate Court Administration Fund to a new temporary education aid for school districts account for district relief and compensatory use learning aid grants. The grants are distributed to various towns for educational purposes in FY 27 and award amounts are listed in statute.

Relatedly, via Executive Order 26-3, the Governor established a Blue-Ribbon Commission on K-12 Education Funding and Accountability to study education funding in the state and provide recommendations by January 15, 2027.

PA 26-130, An Act Concerning Various Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Proposals, Certificates of Approval for Airports, Heliports, Vertiports, Restricted Landing Areas and Other Air Navigation Facilities, Police Collaboration with Social Workers, Surveillance Pricing, Education Cost Sharing and Withholding of Taxes from Lump Sum Payments.

Sections 12-16 allow towns to re-open their budgets and adjust tax levies within parameters specified by the act in response to the supplemental education aid provided in PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, as amended by PA 26-76.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	3,593,605,722	3,593,605,722	-
Policy Revisions	1,009,081	12,907,447	11,898,366
Current Services	(5,473,730)	(5,217,605)	256,125
Total Recommended - GF	3,589,141,073	3,601,295,564	12,154,491

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - GF	291	291	-
Total Recommended - GF	291	291	-

FY 27 Revisions to Legislatively Directed Funds

Grantee by Account	Purpose	FY 27 Original	FY 27 Revised	FY 27 Total
GENERAL FUND				
American School For The Deaf				
American School for the Deaf	Operational support	12,357,514	400,000	12,757,514
Charter Schools				
OLAM Public Charter School	Planning grant for new school in Stamford	-	75,000	75,000
PROUD Academy	Planning grant for new school in Ansonia	-	75,000	75,000
Taino CoLAB	Planning grant for new school in Waterbury	-	75,000	75,000
Magnet Schools				
Goodwin University Magnet Schools	Operational support	-	500,000	500,000
Rose City Learning				
Rose City Learning	Operational support	159,000	81,185	240,185
State Education Resource Center (SERC)				
SERC	Operational support	-	500,000	500,000

Grantee by Account	Purpose	FY 27 Original	FY 27 Revised	FY 27 Total
Various Grants				
African Caribbean American Parents of Children with Disabilities	Operational support	-	150,000	150,000
Bethel Board of Education	Bethel High School All Sports Booster Club	-	30,000	30,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Operational support	200,000	125,000	325,000
CT Association of Schools (CAS)	Principal mentorship program pursuant to Section 2 of PA 26-139	-	150,000	150,000
CT Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) and CT Association of Schools (CAS)	Curriculum development	200,000	200,000	400,000
DT Cares	Operational support	-	75,000	75,000
Girls on the Run	Operational support	120,000	50,000	170,000
Middletown Board of Education	School security	-	250,000	250,000
MLK Scholarship Committee (Middletown)	Operational support	5,000	(5,000)	-
Newington Board of Education	Nor'easter Academy	-	100,000	100,000
Newington Board of Education	Diverse library materials	10,000	(10,000)	-
Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI)	Operational support	-	75,000	75,000
Plainville Board of Education	Operational support	-	80,000	80,000
Rocky Hill Board of Education	Enclosing library and art spaces at West Hill School	-	80,000	80,000
Scotland Board of Education	Elementary School Extended School Year Program	-	75,000	75,000
Stamford Public Education Foundation	Operational support	300,000	10,000	310,000
The AthLife Foundation	Operational support	-	100,000	100,000
Waterford Board of Education	Operational support	-	100,000	100,000
CARRYFORWARD				
Other Expenses				
Effective School Solutions	Operational support	-	450,000	450,000
FreeAgentNow	Operational support	-	200,000	200,000
Hartford Board of Education	Musical instruments and instruction at Burns Latino Studies Academy	-	90,000	90,000
United Way of Coastal and Western CT	Bridgeport Public Schools Debate League	-	75,000	75,000