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Dr. Tamu Lucero, Superintendent of Schools

To: Tamu Lucero, Superintendent of Schools

From: Ryan Fealey, CFO

Re: BOE Financial Update FY24

Date: December 13, 2023

Cc: Vivens Joachim

FY25 Budget Update

We have received preliminary guidance that premiums in the Connecticut State Partnership Plan will increase between 4-7% for FY25. All else being equal, this represents an increase to the Board of Education budget of \$1.4-\$2.5m.

The in-district bus contract extension with First Student was recently approved and executed. The increase of 9.75% for FY25 represents about \$1.9m.

FY24 End of Year Projection

As of October 31, 2023, we are continuing to project no overall variance to budget for FY24. A summary of expenses to date and year-end projections by Object is included as *Attachment 1*.

Some notes:

- -Modest projected surpluses in 510101 Teacher Salary and 510115 Paraeducator Salary are balanced by a projected deficit in 510121 Custodial/Mech OT, leading to an essentially flat projection compared to budget in wage lines
- -Projected savings in **550510-Pupil Transportation Regular**, which are a result of running fewer buses than budgeted due to the shortage of drivers, are modeled to be offset by a negative variance in **540420-Repair Maintenance & Cleaning**
- -The ESSER III (ARP) funds expire shortly after the end of FY24. If any planned programs or projects do not use all allocated funds in time, there could be a material effect on the final operating budget results.
- -Certain grant allocations, like the Interdistrict Magnet Grant, may be lower than expected due to enrollment variances. This could create additional costs to be borne by the operating budget.

Staffing and Headcount (Attachment 2)

Currently, BOE staffing has 37.2 vacant FTE in the operating budget. The largest variance is in the 510101 Teacher account (20.7), followed by the 510112 Administrative (Non-Certified Discretionary) account (7.0).

As mentioned in last month's report: 1) we are continuing to hire; 2) new teachers awaiting certification may be entitled to retroactive wages once their certifications are issued; and 3) many classes with vacant positions are being covered by "class coverage" vouchers, meaning it is uncertain to what degree a given vacancy will translate to cost savings.

Several Special Education teacher and Paraeducator positions are being covered by contracts until the positions can be filled, and necessary work in the Public Affairs department is being covered by consultants.

Special Education Projections (Attachment 3)

Details on Special Education tuition and programs for 2023-24 can be found in *Attachment 3*. Overages in this account would be covered by Excess Cost Grant Carryover funds.

District Reference Groups (Attachment 4)

The District Reference Groups (DRGs) are a classification system that groups local and regional public school districts together based on the similar socioeconomic status of their students. Developed by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE), the DRGs have not been officially updated since they were first released in 2006.

Using the same methodology and variables used by the CSDE in the original creation of the DRGs, the School and State Finance Project has updated the DRGs for 2023 using the most recent data. Per the School and State Finance Project, these 2023 DRGs are not official and meant only for research and reference use.

The DRGs were originally created to make comparisons among districts and to provide both district leaders and policymakers with helpful context when making resource decisions. The DRGs were not, however, created to rank districts and schools, or provide an indicator of school quality.

A summary of the DRGs is attached. Stamford is classified in DRG "H" along with Norwalk, Danbury, West Haven, Meriden, East Hartford & Norwich. DRG H has the 2nd highest percentage of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) Students (77%), Free or Reduced Price Lunch Students (57%), and Multilingual Learners (21%).

Questions can be sent to me at <u>rfealey@stamfordtct.gov</u>

Stamford Public Schools FY23-24 Financial Projection BOE Operating

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	Wk/Freq	Budget 52	July 4	August 5	September	October 4	November 5	December 4	January 4	February 5	March 4	April 4	May 5	June 4	Total 52	\$Var
	BiWk/Freq	21/26	2	2	2			3			2	2	3	2	26	
Accounts		Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual/Proj	Proj	Proj	Proj	Proj	Proj	Proj	Proj	Proj	Proj	
510101-Teachers Salary		111,883,178	957,133	620,489	8,942,963	8,942,963	8,942,963	13,414,445	8,942,963	8,942,963	8,942,963	8,942,963	13,414,445	20,642,963	111,650,215	232,963
510102-Admin Certified		13,619,728	990,980	1,580,318	1,004,130	1,004,130	1,004,130	1,506,195	1,004,130	1,004,130	1,004,130	1,004,130	1,506,195	1,007,130	13,619,728	(0)
510103-Tchr Support Salary		9,911,382	34,571	106,334	792,229	792,229	792,229	1,188,344	792,229	792,229	792,229	792,229	1,188,344	1,828,696	9,891,893	19,489
510104-Teachers Extra Services		1,367,655	90,096	100,453	109,318	109,318	109,318	113,978	109,318	109,318	109,318	109,318	118,978	176,233	1,364,966	2,689
510105-Class Coverage		1,322,894	434	15,300	105,741	105,741	105,741	158,611	105,741	105,741	105,741	105,741	158,611	247,153	1,320,293	2,601
510106-Maternity Leave Salary		1,750,000	0	0	139,880	139,880	139,880	209,820	139,880	139,880	139,880	139,880	209,820	322,883	1,721,680	28,320
510109-Substitutes		2,410,935	0	0	192,709	192,709	192,709	289,064	192,709	192,709	192,709	192,709	289,064	444,829	2,371,919	39,016
510110-Retirement		900,000	42,228	845,090 0	125 492	125.492	125 492	202.225	12,682	125 492	125.492	125 492	0	212.725	900,000	0
510111-Long-Term Sick Leave 510101-510111 - Certified Salaries		1,695,000 144,860,772	2,115,442	3,267,983	135,483 11,422,453	135,483 11,422,453	135,483 11,422,453	203,225 17,083,680	135,483 11,435,135	135,483 11,422,453	135,483 11.422.453	135,483 11.422.453	203,225 17,088,680	312,735 24,982,622	1,667,570 144,508,263	27,430 352,509
510112-Admin NC Discretionary Salary		2,313,442	110,605	171,923	177,696	175,332	170,605	255,908	170,605	170,605	170,605	170,605	255,908	313,005	2,313,401	352,509
510112-Admin Non-Certified		986,901	37,451	(28,354)	89,716	89,716	108,520	89,716	89,716	108,520	89,716	89,716	108,520	113,951	986,901	0
510114-Clerical/Technical Salary		7,636,514	324,649	(27,298)	815,062	679,562	815,577	679,562	679,562	815,577	679,562	679,562	815,577	679,562	7,636,514	0
510115-Paraeducator Salary		13,056,081	264,381	232,715	1,117,958	1,117,958	1,117,958	1,676,937	1,117,958	1,117,958	1,117,958	1,117,958	1,676,937	1,117,958	12,794,632	261,449
510116-Custodial/Mech. Salary		11,733,269	399,668	(7,997)	1,055,032	1,055,032	1,318,790	1,055,032	1,055,032	1,318,790	1,055,032	1,055,032	1,318,790	1,055,032	11,733,269	0
510117-Security Worker Salary		1,291,841	16,893	3,889	115,551	115,551	115,551	173,326	115,551	115,551	115,551	115,551	173,326	115,551	1,291,841	(0)
510119-Para Sub Coverage		193,000	0	224	19,200	19,200	19,200	19,200	19,200	19,200	19,200	19,200	19,200	19,976	193,000	0
510120-Temporary P/T Salary		2,233,955	80,274	57,321	209,600	299,600	209,600	155,600	209,600	179,600	209,600	203,600	209,600	209,960	2,233,955	0
510121-Custodial/Mech OT - BOE		2,156,000	350,500	246,000	215,600	215,600	215,600	215,600	215,600	215,600	215,600	215,600	215,600	217,150	2,754,050	(598,050)
510122-Clerical OT		226,864	25,500	25,211	27,500	27,500	27,500	27,500	27,500	27,500	27,500	27,500	27,500	27,500	325,711	(98,847)
510123-Police & Fire OT		88,408	4,977	5,904	8,110	7,750	7,750	7,750	7,650	7,750	7,750	7,550	7,750	4,250	84,941	3,467
510124-Security Worker O/T		287,000	27,500	27,500	21,700	21,700	21,700	21,700	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	25,500	279,800	7,200
510112-510124 - Non-Certified Salaries		42,203,275	1,642,399	707,038	3,872,724	3,824,500	4,148,351	4,377,830	3,730,473	4,119,151	3,730,573	3,724,373	4,851,207	3,899,394	42,628,014	(424,739)
520201-Clothing/Tool Allowance 520202-Health/Hospital Insurance		160,000 37,672,154	5,670 3,139,346	5,670 3,139,346	5,670 3,139,346	5,670 3,139,346	5,670 3,139,346	5,670 3,139,346	5,670 3,139,346	5,670 3,139,346	5,670 3,139,346	5,670 3,139,346	97,630 3,139,346	5,670 3,139,346	160,000 37,672,154	0
520207-Social Security - BOE		4,088,750	123,145	237,018	318,407	3,139,340	323,591	446,011	3,139,340	322,984	3,139,340	314,780	455,953	600,223	4,089,415	(665)
520208-Unemployment Comp - BOE		108,000	1,909	237,018	908	1,909	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	104,726	3,274
520215-Tuition Reimbursement		171,000	(27,445)	32,673	14,161	15,500	7,500	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500	29,500	158,889	12,111
520216-Childcare Reimbursement Tchr		50,000	0	0	0	0	0	25,000	0	0	0	0	0	25,000	50,000	0
520230-Pension		1,980,129	1,509,303	5,589	79,319	42,880	42,880	60,380	42,880	42,880	60,380	42,880	42,880	60,380	2,032,629	(52,500)
520231-OPEB L/T Contribution		1,675,842	1,593,351	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,593,351	82,491
520260-Workman's Comp		2,653,990	221,166	221,166	221,166	221,166	221,166	221,166	221,166	221,166	221,166	221,166	221,166	221,166	2,653,990	0
520200 - Employee Benefits		48,559,865	6,566,445	3,641,462	3,778,977	3,743,694	3,752,653	3,924,573	3,751,232	3,759,046	3,768,471	3,750,842	3,983,975	4,093,785	48,515,154	44,711
530321-In-District PD/Contracted Services		1,646,618	178,677	99,386	89,574	208,445	104,002	75,000	175,000	175,000	75,000	175,000	75,235	216,300	1,646,618	(0)
530322-Instr Prog Improv Svs		15,000	3,410	2,840	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,500	0	0	6,250	15,000	0
530323-Pupil Services		8,168,181	(242,042)	(329,659)	441,746	411,353	781,668	950,000	950,000	1,050,000	950,000	1,250,000	950,000	1,005,115	8,168,181	(0)
530324-Legal Services		701,284	(28,200)	26,394	0	46,297	57,500	57,500	97,500	57,500	107,500	57,500	127,500	94,293	701,284	(0)
530326-Contracted Svcs - Buildings/Groun	ids	2,100,000	11,738	320,410	337,673	68,463	242,003	155,000	155,000	155,000	155,000	155,000	155,000	189,713	2,100,000	0
530330-Other Prof & Tech Svs 530300 - Professional/Technical		76,536	40	6,080 125,450	26,824 895,817	4,750 739,308	4,750 1,189,922	4,750 1,242,250	4,750 1,382,250	4,750 1,442,250	4,750	4,750 1,642,250	4,750	5,592	76,536	0 (0)
540411-Electricity		12,707,619 3,544,411	(76,376) (247,100)	369,626	322,599	370,518	315,102	327,500	337,500	325,000	1,294,750 345,000	335,000	1,312,485 345,000	1,517,263 398,666	12,707,619 3,544,411	(U)
540411-Electricity 540413-Water - BOE		392,519	(12,505)	13,173	13,265	14,659	100,008	15,000	17,500	19,500	21,500	102,050	45,000	43,369	392,519	0
540420-Repair Maint & Cleaning		2,526,413	(183,066)	133,340	262,169	273,758	180,058	375,000	450,000	272,500	275,000	350,000	452,500	455,921	3,297,180	(770,767)
540440-Rentals		304,448	741	22,854	40,621	64,101	9,207	16,700	18,500	19,500	21,500	17,500	35,000	38,226	304,448	(0)
540450-Construction Svcs		1,154,465	49,000	127,508	73,494	79,854	81,725	81,185	80,200	103,000	94,000	124,000	124,000	136,500	1,154,465	(0)
540452-Grounds Maintenance - BOE		405,700	(17,242)	65,244	110,605	25,772	26,876	35,000	37,500	41,000	25,222	25,000	17,500	12,500	404,976	724
540400 - Property Services		8,327,956	(410,173)	731,744	822,753	828,661	712,975	850,385	941,200	780,500	782,222	953,550	1,019,000	1,085,182	9,097,999	(770,043)
550510-Pupil Transp Regular		23,250,896	(11,833)	1,113	568,280	100,741	2,450,000	4,500,050	2,750,000	1,950,000	2,980,000	2,890,000	1,855,300	2,450,000	22,483,652	767,244
550511-Pupil Trans- Field Trips		281,885	(22,552)	(4,115)	1,862	30,171	33,308	27,500	29,500	31,500	28,500	32,500	45,200	48,511	281,886	(0)
550520-Insurance - Risk Mgmt Fund		2,727,770	227,314	227,314	227,314	227,314	227,314	227,314	227,314	227,314	227,314	227,314	227,314	227,314	2,727,770	0
550530-Telephone - BOE		364,597	22,406	32,038	30,024	33,021	32,094	28,750	28,750	28,750	28,750	28,750	32,750	35,750	361,833	2,764
550531-Postage - BOE		107,286	0	0	0	0	0	7,000	15,000	7,500	15,000	15,000	12,500	7,000	79,000	28,286
550540-Advertising		37,500	2,760	1,610	180	2,408	1,000	5,200	5,150	5,175	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	37,482	18
550541-Recruitment/Retention		70,000	0	2,892	1,775	10,956	2.012	9,200	8,520	8,500	7,590	8,500	6,750	5,318	70,000	0
550550-Printing Expenses		698,916	357	91,989	2,898	50,134	3,813	132,500	37,500	37,500	135,200	37,500	37,500	132,025	698,916	0
550560-Tuition Special Ed		17,390,386 238,157	(283,439) 1,690	1,470,618 17,042	1,368,158 8,432	2,397,620 55,123	330,310 99	2,145,055 25,000	1,565,600	1,505,400	2,505,000	1,454,055	1,358,000	1,574,008 25,772	17,390,386	0
550580-Professional Development		238,13/	1,090	1/,042	8,432	33,123	99	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	15,000	15,000	23,112	238,157	0

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		Budget	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total	\$Var
	Wk/Freq	52	4	5	4	4	5	4	4	5	4	4	5	4	52	
A	BiWk/Freq	21/26	4 - 4 1	4 -4:1	4 - 40 - 1	2	D:	B:	D:	D:	D:	D:	3 J	D	26	
Accounts 550581-In-OutDistrict Travel		Budget	Actual	Actual 754	Actual 919	Actual/Proj	Proj	(0)								
		12,000	(5,049)	75 4 848		745	304	1,950	1,750	1,650	1,750	1,750	2,750	2,727	12,000	(0)
550590-Other Purchased Svc		602,705	114,581		10,300	124,153	45,000	39,000	45,000	45,000	39,000	45,000	42,500	52,323	602,705	700.212
550500 - Other Purchased Services		45,782,098	46,235	1,842,103	2,220,143	3,032,386	3,123,240	7,148,519	4,739,084	3,873,289	5,996,604	4,758,869	3,639,064	4,564,248	44,983,786	798,312
560611-Instructional Supplies		2,207,486	19,456	84,350	515,751	175,500	175,000	215,000	175,000	125,000	145,000	175,000	205,000	197,430	2,207,486	(0)
560613-Maintenance Supplies		445,540	85,305	7,057	37,393	29,500	29,550	39,500	35,400	29,500	31,500	37,500	44,500	38,834	445,540	(0)
560621-Gas Heat		2,235,603	(63,198)	54,480	51,602	127,500	154,540	175,000	245,000	245,222	254,000	375,500	340,000	275,956	2,235,603	0
560624-Oil Heat		7,400	0	0	0	1,250	1,250	1,500	500	750	750	750	340	310	7,400	0
560626-Gasoline - BOE		45,583	2,775	2,473	474	3,350	3,350	3,350	4,450	4,450	4,450	4,450	4,450	7,561	45,583	(0)
560629-Bus Fuel - Diesel - BOE		1,207,500	0	0	134,090	135,000	135,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	118,550	117,500	67,360	1,207,500	0
560641-Textbooks/Workbooks		922,180	(265)	0	523,419	45,000	57,500	37,500	48,500	37,500	39,500	45,250	45,700	42,576	922,180	(0)
560642-Library Book/Periodical		56,865	3,102	171	598	5,750	5,250	5,850	5,950	5,350	5,450	5,150	6,505	7,738	56,865	0
560643-Computer and AV Materials		2,300,175	480,351	138,746	804,838	129,500	145,500	243,500	75,000	79,500	58,000	49,500	49,800	45,940	2,300,175	0
560690-Office Supplies - BOE		148,499	3,225	9,718	10,015	12,500	12,500	15,200	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	22,842	148,499	0
560691-Other Supplies		257,535	(4,781)	6,166	18,584	25,000	25,000	35,000	25,000	25,000	35,000	25,000	25,000	17,567	257,535	(0)
560600 - Supplies		9,834,366	525,971	303,161	2,096,764	689,850	744,440	896,400	752,300	689,772	711,150	849,150	851,295	724,114	9,834,366	(0)
570730-Equipment Instruction		402,940	(4,081)	68,150	45,387	35,000	35,000	25,000	35,000	35,000	25,000	35,000	35,000	33,483	402,940	0
570739-Equipment Non-Instruct		666,740	(11,951)	20,177	115,271	85,000	55,000	85,000	55,000	45,000	65,000	45,000	65,000	43,243	666,740	0
570700 - Equipment		1,069,680	(16,032)	88,327	160,658	120,000	90,000	110,000	90,000	80,000	90,000	80,000	100,000	76,726	1,069,680	0
580890-Dues & Fees - BOE		217,265	30,128	7,457	65,048	9,500	9,500	12,500	14,500	15,000	14,000	14,000	12,500	13,131	217,265	0
580800 - Dues/Miscellaneous		217,265	30,128	7,457	65,048	9,500	9,500	12,500	14,500	15,000	14,000	14,000	12,500	13,131	217,265	0
1000-BOE Operating Fund		313,562,896	10,424,039	10,714,727	25,335,337	24,410,353	25,193,534	35,646,137	26,836,175	26,181,461	27,810,224	27,195,488	32,858,206	40,956,465	313,562,147	749

2023 - 2024 Stamford Public Schools Headcount December 1, 2023

	Object		2023-24 Budget	2023-24 Adj Budget	2023-24 Actual	Variance +/-	Comments
	101	Teachers	1,263.0	1,262.4	1,241.7	(20.7)	1 Admin Intern., 1 Art, 1 Bilingual & ELTeachers, .5 Business, 2.9 English/Language Arts, 1.9 Math, .1 PE, 2.2 Science, 1 Social Studies, 6.4 Special Education, 3.6 Contingency (1.9 Bilingual, 1.6 SPED, .1 General)
Operating	102	Administrative	71.7	72.4	71.4	(1.0)	Hassistant Director Special Education.
	103	Teacher Support	115.0	115.0	114.5	(0.5)	.5 Social Workers (Rippowam)
		Total Certified	1,449.7	1,449.8	1,427.6	(22.2)	
	112	Administrative - Non Certified Discretionary	20.0	20.0	13.0	(7.0)	2 Board Certified Behavior Analysts, 2 Public Affairs Officers, 1 Teacher Resident, 1 Facilities Manager, 1 Special Assistant to Superintendent
	113	Administrative - Non Certified	7.0	8.0	7.0	(1.0)	l HR Generalist
	114	Clerical	82.7	81.7	79.7	(2.0)	l Office Support Specialists (TOR), l Transportation Coordinator
	115	Paraeducators	332.0	332.0	329.0	(3.0)	3 SPED Paras
	116	Custodial/Mechanics	151.0	151.0	149.0	(2.0)	
	117	Other	26.0	26.0	26.0		
	118	Parent Facilitator	-	-	-	-	
		Total Non-Certified	618.7	618.7	603.7	(15.0)	
		Total Operating Budget	2,068.4	2,068.5	2,031.3	(37.2)	
	101	Teachers	219.0	219.6	217.5	(2.1)	1 TLSS - Davenport, 1 TISS - Hart, .1 Art Teacher WHS
Grant	102	Administrative	15.3	15.4	15.4	-	
	103	Teacher Support	13.0	13.0	12.5	(0.5)	.5 Social Worker - Davenport
		Total Certified	247.3	248.0	245.4	(2.6)	
	112	Administrative - Non Certified Discretionary	4.0	4.0	4.0	-	
	113	Administrative - Non Certified	-	-	-	-	
	114	Clerical	4.4	4.4	3.4	(1.0)	1 Special Education Secretary
	115	Paraeducators	91.0	91.0	85.0	(6.0)	6 Literacy Support
	116	Custodial/Mechanics	-	-		-	
	117	Other	29.0	29.0	29.0	-	
	118	Parent Facilitator	23.0	23.0	23.0	-	
		Total Non-Certified	151.4	151.4	144.4	(7.0)	
		Total Grants Budget	398.7	399.4	389.8	(9.6)	
	101	Teachers	1,482.0	1,482.0	1,459.2	(22.8)	
Total	102	Administrative	87.0	87.8	86.8	(1.0)	
	103	Teacher Support	128.0	128.0	127.0	(1.0)	
		Total Certified	1,697.0	1,697.8	1,673.0	(24.8)	
	112	Administrative - Non Certified Discretionary	24.0	24.0	17.0	(7.0)	
	113	Administrative - Non Certified	7.0	8.0	7.0	(1.0)	
	114	Clerical	87.1	86.1	83.1	(3.0)	
	115	Paraeducators	423.0	423.0	414.0	(9.0)	
	116	Custodial/Mechanics	151.0	151.0	149.0	(2.0)	
	117	Other	55.0	55.0	55.0	-	
	118	Parent Facilitaors	23.0	23.0	23.0	-	
		Total Non-Certified	770.1	770.1	748.1	(22.0)	
		Total System Budget	2,467.1	2,467.9	2,421.1	(46.8)	

^{*} Headcount includes 13.3 Teachers awaiting certification

Special Ed Contracted Services 2023-24

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							2023-24	2023-24		
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Approved	Revised	2023-24	2023-24
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	Encumbered	Projected Comments
Assistive Technology	83,706	98,091	91,149	100,360	105,595	100,744	92,000	92,000	92,000	101,200 Expanding Caseload
										Contracting with Hubbard Day to fill Vacancies in A
ASD Classroom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	850,000	859,000	859,000 programs
Audiology	4,690	61,740	41,500	64,970	56,935	84,000	87,360	87,360	87,360	87,360
BCBA/ABA	1,233,308	1,288,932	736,664	876,802	1,018,102	1,057,181	551,460	551,460	551,460	551,460
Consulting	65,029	99,800	99,600	128,850	5,184	870	24,000	24,000	48,000	48,000 Frankie Jones
Educational Consulting	476,196	176,576	46,075	30,250	22,728	81,080	24,650	24,650	20,400	48,960
IEE	189,602	184,960	75,270	76,520	122,290	70,360	134,400	134,400	78,550	188,520 Monthly trend based on current usage
Miscellaneous	18,332	54,524	16,020	9,790	18,087	6,147	29,975	29,975	0	2,000
Music/Art Therapy	26,446	88,294	67,193	112,752	111,206	130,312	163,800	163,800	163,800	163,800
Nursing	272,931	216,714	154,989	119,580	115,382	235,646	558,365	558,365	403,857	444,243
ОТ/РТ	1,343,617	1,560,433	1,623,057	1,684,476	1,985,346	2,334,400	2,154,959	2,154,959	2,161,259	2,161,259
Professional Development	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Psychiatric	0	88,125	33,500	3,400	25,190	65,293	120,000	120,000	16,280	91,072
Psychology	99,150	41,875	11,125	3,400	74,986	39,713	40,000	40,000	15,000	30,000
RBT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	866,834	866,834 RBT support to fill vacancies 12 FTE
Reading	20,060	30,013	0	21,902	0	3,900	0	0	0	0
Sign Language	60,771	59,586	19,113	46,212	102,834	90,735	115,920	115,920	93,310	93,310
Social Work	4,710	0	0	0	0	41,760	0	0	0	0
Software/Program Support	142,498	117,990	98,083	121,230	0	0	0	0	0	0
Speech & Language	509,340	807,605	452,121	284,822	358,948	374,784	230,025	230,025	286,837	286,837 Missed invoice from 2022-23 (\$54K)
TDP Classroom	0	684,394	1,254,038	1,513,408	1,573,644	2,094,740	2,189,489	2,189,489	2,354,000	2,354,000 Switched vendor to Aspire
Transition	89,902	92,325	38,625	0	3,231	0	0	0	0	0
Tutoring	9,050	50,186	109,355	48,813	89,803	213,169	75,000	75,000	65,025	100,000
	4,651,338	5,802,163	4,967,477	5,247,537	5,789,491	7,024,834	6,591,403	7,441,403	8,162,972	8,477,855

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Contract Allocation	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget
Operating Budget	3,484,029	4,100,131	5,102,163	4,801,205	5,789,491	6,576,856	7,441,403
Medicaid	429,130	295,661	500,000	-	-	447,977	386,452
IDEA sec 611	209,190	255,546	200,000	-	-	-	650,000
Total	4,122,349	4,651,338	5,802,163	4,801,205	5,789,491	7,024,834	8,477,855

^{**2017-18} Operating budget total includes a credit of \$566,000 for a favorable settlement, and an accrual for \$37,012.

^{**}Operating Budget Total includes a credit of \$446,332 originally accrued for legal expenses related to Stamford Academy & Trailblazers

Tuition Projection

November 30, 2023

2022-23 Tuition Revised Budget

 Operating Budget
 17,377,386

 Excess Cost Grant (Estimate)
 6,292,024

 Total
 \$23,669,410

	2023-24	2023-24				
	Approved	Revised	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	
Tuition Costs	Budget	Budget	Current	Pending	Projected	
District Placements	20,059,206	19,673,960	20,576,111	235,000	20,446,623	103.93%
Agency Placements	733,987	733,987	476,616	45,000	521,616	71.07%
Settlements	2,757,850	2,757,850	1,877,826	657,287	2,535,114	91.92%
Other Tuition Expenses	503,613	503,613	221,879	281,733	503,612	100.00%
Total	\$24,054,656	\$23,669,410	\$23,152,433	\$1,219,020	\$24,006,965	101.43%
Projected Surplus/Deficit	(\$337,555)					

	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24
Placements	Budget	Opening	Current	Pending	Projected
District Placements	181	164	172	5	177
Agency Placements	9	5	5	1	6
Settlements	63	29	39	2	52
Total	253	198	216	8	235

364,488

Average District Placement Average Agency Placement Average Settlement	2023-24 Current 119,629 95,323 48,149	2023-24 Projected 115,518 86,936 48,752
Average OOD Placement (weighted)	106,160	100,014
Anticipated Costs Hospitalizations/Incarcerations Misc tuition costs Pending Placements (5) New Placements thru 6/30 (0) Pending Agency Placements (1) New Agency Placements thru 6/30 (0) Pending Settlements (2) New Settlements thru 6/30 (11)	122,347 159,386 235,000 0 45,000 0 127,644 529,643 1,219,020	
Anticipated Benefits		
Potential Transition back to District	64,488	
CES Estimate Adjustment	100,000	
Tution Refunds	0	
Year End PO Cancellations	200,000	

District Reference Groups (DRGs)

Key Findings

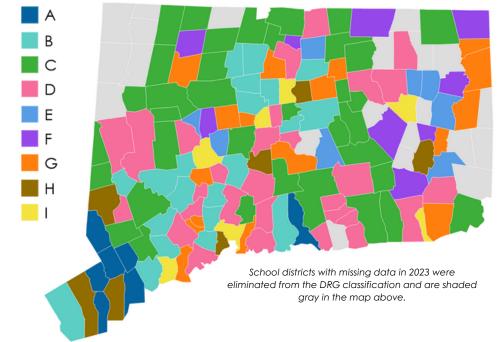
- Mismatch between student needs and funding: Districts serving students with greater learning needs tend to spend less per student, resulting in inadequate resources to meet student needs.
- Student
 Performance: The mismatch between student needs and funding negatively impacts student performance.
- number of white and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) students throughout the state, school districts do not reflect this diversity, and students of color are disproportionately higher-need and lower-resourced.

SCHOOL + STATE FINANCE PROJECT **District Reference Groups (DRGs)** are a classification system that groups local and regional public school districts together based on the similar socioeconomic characteristics and status of their students.

While useful for comparing districts and providing helpful context for district leaders and policymakers when they'e making resource decisions, the DRGs are not intended for ranking, evaluating, or indicating school quality.

Developed by the Connecticut State Department of Education, the DRGs have not been officially updated since they were first released in 2006. Although not for official use, the School and State Finance Project has replicated the DRGs using updated data and the same methodology and variables as the original DRGs.





Student Demographics by DRG



DRG "I" has the highest percentages of students who need greater resources, but spends the least per student.

The mismatch
between district
spending and
student needs
directly impacts
student
performance.

Variables Used to Determine the DRGs:

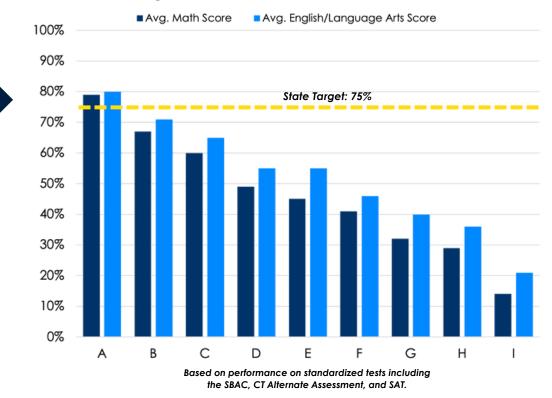
Income
Education
Occupation
Family Structure
Poverty
Home Language
District Enrollment

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Per-Student Spending by DRG



Avg. Student Performance by DRG



<u>It's important to note</u>, DRGs are only part of the picture in understanding education in Connecticut and must be complemented with an understanding of property taxes, segregation, resources, staffing, and outcomes.

To learn more about the DRGs, visit our website or scan the QR code on this page.

