

### Comparison Table of School Funding Proposals

	<b>Governor Malloy's Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Appropriations Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Republican Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Senate Bill 2</b>
<b>Foundation Amount</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$8,990</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$12,356</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$9,638</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$9,638</li> </ul>
<b>Need Student Weights</b>	<p>Low-income students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weight: 20%</li> <li>Identification Method: HUSKY A eligibility</li> </ul> <p>English Learners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<p>Low-income students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weight: 30%</li> <li>Identification Method: Percent of people in the town living at or below the Federal Poverty Line multiplied by the town's Resident Student Count</li> </ul> <p>English Learners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weight: 30%</li> </ul>	<p>Low-income students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weight: 30%</li> <li>Concentration weight: 5%</li> <li>Concentration threshold: 75%</li> <li>Identification method: Eligibility for FRPL</li> </ul> <p>English Learners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weight: 15%</li> </ul>	<p>Low-income students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weight: 30%</li> <li>Concentration weight: 10%</li> <li>Concentration threshold: 75%</li> <li>Identification method: Eligibility for FRPL</li> </ul> <p>English Learners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weight: 15%</li> <li>Concentration weight: 5%</li> <li>Concentration threshold: 15%</li> </ul>
<b>State / Local Share Mechanism</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90% Property Wealth Factor                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determined by Equalized Net Grand List per Capita</li> </ul> </li> <li>10% Income Wealth Factor                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determined by Median Household Income</li> </ul> </li> <li>Statewide Guaranteed Wealth Level: 1.24</li> <li>Non-Alliance District Minimum Aid Ratio: 0%</li> <li>Alliance District Minimum Aid Ratio: 10%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90% Property Wealth Factor                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determined by Equalized Net Grand List per Capita</li> </ul> </li> <li>10% Income Wealth Factor                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determined by Median Household Income</li> </ul> </li> <li>Statewide Guaranteed Wealth Level: 1.5</li> <li>Non-Alliance District Minimum Aid Ratio: 2%</li> <li>Alliance District Minimum Aid Ratio: 10%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>70% Property Wealth Factor                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determined by Equalized Net Grand List per Capita</li> </ul> </li> <li>30% Income Wealth Factor                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determined by Median Household Income</li> </ul> </li> <li>Statewide Guaranteed Wealth Level: 1.5</li> <li>Non-Alliance District Minimum Aid Ratio: 1%</li> <li>Alliance District Minimum Aid Ratio: 10%</li> <li>Provides an additional 3%-6% for communities that have a Public</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50% Property Wealth Factor                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determined by Equalized Net Grand List per Capita</li> </ul> </li> <li>50% Income Wealth Factor                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determined by Median Household Income</li> </ul> </li> <li>Statewide Guaranteed Wealth Level: 1.375</li> <li>Minimum Aid Ratio (all districts): 1%</li> </ul>

			<p>Investment Communities (PIC) index<sup>ii</sup> score over 300</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 5 towns: Additional 6%</li> <li>• Next 5 towns: Additional 5%</li> <li>• Next 5 towns: Additional 4%</li> <li>• Remaining 4 towns: Additional 3%</li> </ul>	
<b>Choice Schools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local and regional boards of education – In formula</li> <li>• Charter Schools – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• Magnet Schools – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• RESCs – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• Vo-ag – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• CTHSS – Remain as separate line item</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local and regional boards of education – In formula</li> <li>• Charter Schools – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• Magnet Schools – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• RESCs – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• Vo-ag – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• CTHSS – Remain as separate line item</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local and regional boards of education – In formula</li> <li>• Charter Schools – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• Magnet Schools – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• RESCs – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• Vo-ag – Remain as separate line item</li> <li>• CTHSS – Remain as separate line item</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local and regional boards of education – In formula</li> <li>• Charter Schools – In formula</li> <li>• Magnet Schools – In formula</li> <li>• RESCs – In formula</li> <li>• Vo-ag – In formula</li> <li>• CTHSS – Remain as separate line item</li> </ul>
<b>Special Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special education is separated from main formula aid by reallocating approximately 22% of the current total ECS grant amount to a new Special Education Grant.</li> <li>• Excess Cost grant funds are transferred to the new Special Education Grant line item.</li> <li>• Special education funds are distributed to districts through a partial reimbursement system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding for special education remains incorporated into the ECS grant.</li> <li>• Excess Cost grant remains a separate grant with districts eligible for reimbursement when the cost of educating a student exceeds 4.5 times that district's net current expenditure per pupil.</li> <li>• \$9,999,448 is added to the Excess Cost grant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special education is separated from main formula aid by reallocating approximately 22% of the current total ECS grant amount to a new Special Education Grant.</li> <li>• Excess Cost grant funds are transferred to the new Special Education Grant line item.</li> <li>• Special education funds are distributed to districts through a partial reimbursement system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special education is separated from main formula aid by reallocating approximately 22% of the current total ECS grant amount to a new Special Education Grant.</li> <li>• Excess Cost grant funds are transferred to the new Special Education Grant line item.</li> <li>• Special Education funding is distributed through a formula that accounts for historical</li> </ul>

	<p>on a scale of 0% to 54%, based on the ranked adjusted equalized net grand list per capita of each town.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$9,999,448 is added to the Special Education Grant line item to meet federal maintenance of support requirements.</li> </ul>	<p>line item to meet federal maintenance of support requirements.</p>	<p>on a scale of 2.5% to 52%, based on the equalized net grand list per capita of each town.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$9,999,448 is added to the Special Education Grant line item to meet federal maintenance of support requirements.</li> </ul>	<p>district spending and district wealth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$9,999,448 is added to the Special Education Grant line item to meet federal maintenance of support requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Formula Cost Increase</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$0 (cost-neutral)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$592.6 million (Connecticut School Finance Project estimate)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$688.7 million (\$678.7 million in ECS funding and \$10 million in special education funding)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$318 million<sup>iii</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Phase-in Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases in aid would be phased-in at a rate of 3% per year.<sup>iv</sup></li> <li>• Decreases in aid would be phased-out at a rate of 20% per year over 5 years.</li> <li>• This formula would take 34 years to fully fund under this plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases in aid would be phased-in at a rate of 5% in FY18, 15% in FY19, and 10% in subsequent years.</li> <li>• Decreases in aid would be phased-out at a rate of 0% (hold harmless) in FY18 and 10% per year in subsequent years.</li> <li>• This formula would take 10 years to fully fund under this plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases in aid would be phased-in at a rate of 16.67% per year.</li> <li>• Decreases in aid would be phased-out at a rate of 16.67% per year.</li> <li>• This formula would take 6 years to fully fund under this plan.</li> </ul>

<sup>i</sup> Although the budget book for the proposed Appropriations Committee budget does not include a description of an English Learner weight, the town-by-town ECS grant runs produced by the Connecticut General Assembly's Office of Fiscal Analysis include a 30% weight for English Learners.

<sup>ii</sup> The Public Investment Communities (PIC) index is calculated annually by the Office of Policy and Management; it measures the relative wealth and need of Connecticut's towns by ranking them in descending order by their cumulative point allocations based on: per capita income; adjusted equalized net grand list per capita; equalized mill rate; per capita aid to children receiving Temporary Family Assistance benefits; and unemployment rate. More information on the PIC index, including the cumulative points allocation for each town, can be found at <http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2985&q=383122>.

<sup>iii</sup> Total Formula Cost calculated as proposed formula less current spending of \$2.71 billion, defined as current ECS Entitlement, Special Education Excess Cost Grant, State Magnet School Grant (Operating), State Charter School Grant, Open Choice Grant (to local and regional boards of education), and Vocational Agriculture Grant.

<sup>iv</sup> Although the proposed Appropriations Budget Book describes a 0.3% per year phase-in, the town-by-town ECS grant runs produced by the Office of Fiscal Analysis use a 3% per year phase-in.