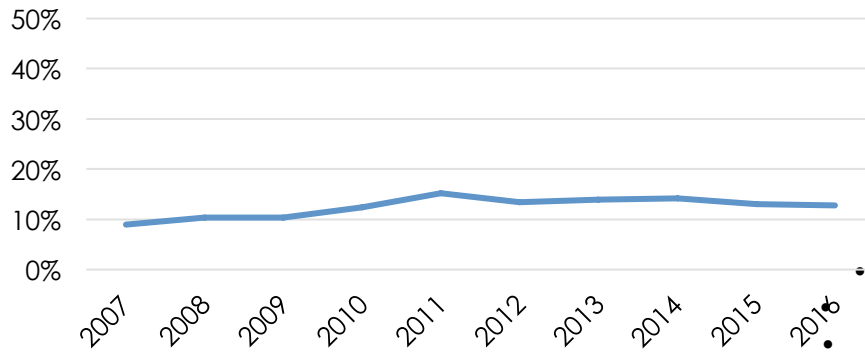


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Increasing Student Needs

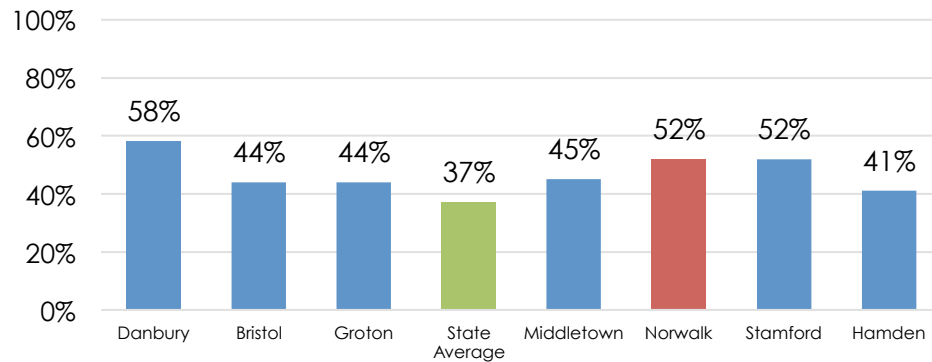
- Norwalk's increasing student needs are not being accounted for in the current funding system.
- Student poverty in Norwalk has increased **four percentage points over the past 10 years to 13% total.**¹

Estimated % of Norwalk Students in Poverty



- Norwalk's percentage of low-income students is **higher than most similar communities.**²

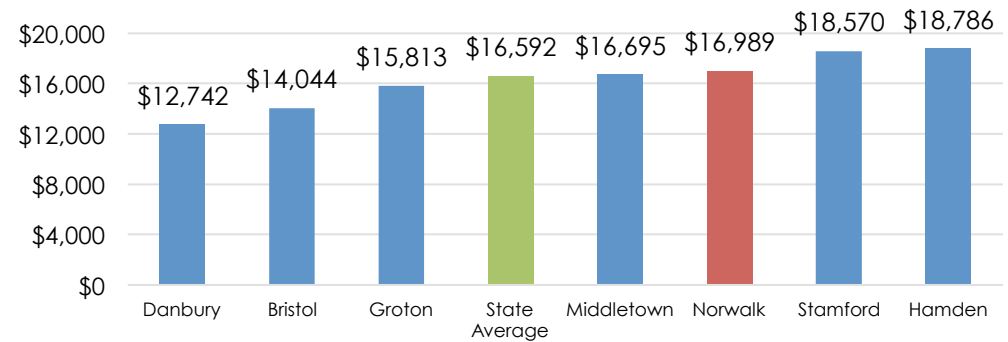
% of Students w/ Free and Reduced Priced Lunch, 2017-18



Per-student Spending

- Norwalk Public Schools currently spends **more per student than most similar districts and the state average.**³

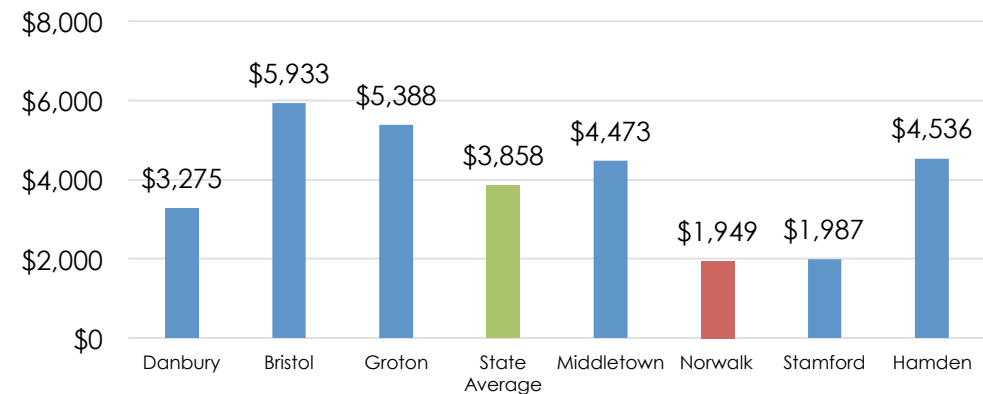
2016-17 Spending Per Student



How Norwalk is Funded

- Taxpayers in Norwalk currently **pay 84 cents of every dollar** in the city's education budget.⁴
- Norwalk taxpayers contribute \$14,426 per student** while the State of Connecticut contributes \$1,949.⁵

2015-16 State Contribution Per Pupil



¹ U.S. Census Bureau. (2017). *Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates Program, School District Estimates for 2016*. Retrieved from <https://www.census.gov/data/datasets/2016/demo/saipe/2016-school-districts.html>.

² Connecticut State Department of Education. (2018). *Public School Enrollment, 2017-18*. Available from <http://ctschoolfinance.org/data/connecticut-school-enrollment>.

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⁵ Ibid.