

## Comparison Table of School Funding Proposals

	<b>Governor Malloy's Revised Proposed Budget<sup>i</sup></b>	<b>Senate Republican Proposed Budget<sup>ii,iii</sup></b>	<b>House Republican Proposed Budget<sup>iv,v,vi</sup></b>	<b>Democrat Proposed Budget<sup>vii</sup></b>	<b>Proposed Senate Bill 2: \$318M<sup>viii</sup></b>	<b>Proposed Senate Bill 2: Cost Neutral<sup>ix</sup></b>
<b>Foundation Amount</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$8,990</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$9,638</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: 30%</li> <li>Identification Method: HUSKY A eligibility</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>The House Republican budget proposal allocates education funding as block grants equal to FY2017 Education Cost Sharing entitlements prior to the governor's mid-year rescissions.<sup>x</sup></p>	<p>The Democrat budget proposal funds the Education Cost Sharing line item, and choice school line items, in the same manner as the current funding structure, but it does not provide an education funding formula or town-by-town runs of education funding.</p>	<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>	<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: 1.15736</li> <li>Non-Alliance District Minimum Aid Ratio: 0%</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> </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: 1.332</li> <li>Minimum Aid Ratio (all districts): 1%</li> <li>Minimum Aid Ratio</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: 1.17</li> <li>Minimum Aid Ratio (all districts): 0%</li> <li>Minimum Aid Ratio</li> </ul>

	Alliance District Minimum Aid Ratio: 10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alliance District Minimum Aid Ratio: 10%</li> <li>Provides an additional 3%-6% for communities that have a Public Investment Communities (PIC) index<sup>xi</sup> score over 300 <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> </li> </ul>			(Alliance Districts): 5%	(Alliance Districts): 2%
<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 – 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 –</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>	<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>

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<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 on a scale of 0% to 70%, based on the ranked adjusted equalized net grand list per capita of each town.</li> <li>\$9,999,448 is added to the Special Education Grant line item to meet federal maintenance of support requirements.</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 on a scale of 2.5% to 52%, based on the equalized net grand list per capita of each town.</li> <li>\$9,999,448 is added to the Special Education Grant line item to meet federal maintenance of support requirements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special education funding is included in the ECS grant.</li> <li>\$9,999,448 is added to the Excess Cost Grant – Student Based line item to meet federal maintenance of support requirements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special education funding appears to be included in the ECS grant.</li> <li>\$9,999,448 is added to the Excess Cost Grant – Student Based line item to meet federal maintenance of support requirements.</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>Special Education Grant is distributed through a formula that accounts for district wealth.</li> <li>\$9,999,448 is added to the Special Education Grant line item to meet federal maintenance of support requirements.</li> <li>The Excess Cost is maintained at the current capped funding level.</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>Special Education Grant is distributed through a formula that accounts for district wealth.</li> <li>\$9,999,448 is added to the Special Education Grant line item to meet federal maintenance of support requirements.</li> <li>The Excess Cost is maintained at the current capped funding level.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Formula</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decrease of \$10 million in ECS.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$688.7 million (\$678.7 million in ECS funding and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$30 million (\$20 million in restored ECS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase of \$14 million (ECS decrease of \$4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$318 million<sup>xii</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost Neutral<sup>xiii</sup></li> </ul>

Cost Increase		\$10 million in special education funding).	funding and \$10 million in special education funding).	million, but Excess Cost increase of \$17 million).		
Phase-in Plan	<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 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. This formula would take 10 years to fully fund under this plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None provided.</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None required.</li> </ul>

<sup>i</sup> State of Connecticut, Office of the Governor. (2017). *Revised Recommended Budget for the FY 2018 – FY 2019 Biennium*. Retrieved from [http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/budget/2018\\_2019\\_biennial\\_budget/may15budget\\_final.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/budget/2018_2019_biennial_budget/may15budget_final.pdf).

<sup>ii</sup> Connecticut Senate Republicans. (2017). *Senate Republican FY 2018 – FY 2019 Biennial Budget*. Retrieved from <http://ctsenaterepublicans.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Senate-Republican-Reconciliation1.pdf>.

<sup>iii</sup> Connecticut Senate Republicans. (2017). *Confident Connecticut, Summary – UPDATED May 16, 2017*. Retrieved from [http://ctsenaterepublicans.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/SRO\\_BudgetSummary\\_May2017.pdf](http://ctsenaterepublicans.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/SRO_BudgetSummary_May2017.pdf).

<sup>iv</sup> Connecticut House Republicans. (2017). *House GOP Issue Revised “No-Tax Increase” Budget* [Press release]. Retrieved from <http://www.cthousegop.com/house-gop-issue-revised-no-tax-increase-budget/>.

<sup>v</sup> Connecticut House Republicans. (2017). *May 16<sup>th</sup> House Republican Proposal (April Consensus Revenue) – Municipal Aid*. Retrieved from [http://www.cthousegop.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Muni.Aid\\_5.16-formatted.pdf](http://www.cthousegop.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Muni.Aid_5.16-formatted.pdf).

<sup>vi</sup> Connecticut House Republicans. (2017). *May 16<sup>th</sup> House Republican Proposal (April Consensus Revenue) – Budget Accounts*. Retrieved from <http://www.cthousegop.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Budget.Accounts.pdf>.

<sup>vii</sup> Connecticut General Assembly, Office of Fiscal Analysis. (2017). *Comparison of Released Budget Proposals*. Available from <http://ctschoolfinance.org/assets/uploads/files/Comparison-of-Released-Budget-Proposals.pdf>.

<sup>viii</sup> Connecticut School Finance Project Analysis of: S.B. 2, *An Act Concerning the Development of a More Equitable Education Cost-Sharing Grant Formula*, Jan. 2017, Gen. Assembly. (Ct. 2017). Retrieved from [https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&which\\_year=2017&bill\\_num=sb+2](https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&which_year=2017&bill_num=sb+2).

<sup>ix</sup> Ibid.

<sup>x</sup> Conn. Acts 16-2 (May Special Session).

<sup>xi</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

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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>xii</sup> Total Formula Cost calculated as proposed formula less current spending of \$2.69 billion, defined as FY17 ECS (with FY17 mid-year rescissions), 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>xiii</sup> Ibid.