

This document details policy changes in the School and State Finance Project's **\$16,000 Foundation + Student-Centered Funding** proposal. The education funding proposal would phase in greater Education Cost Sharing (ECS) funding, raise the ECS formula's foundation to \$16,000, codify annual foundation increases for inflation, and continue the implementation of student-centered funding.

The following pages summarize the key components of the proposal and detail the financial impact to districts and the state overall.

Policy Overview

This policy proposal contains the following changes to current law:

- Raises the ECS foundation amount to \$16,000 in FY 2027 and begins annual adjustments for inflation in FY 2028.
- Begins a new ECS phase-in schedule to fully fund grants by FY 2033 with increased foundation amounts.
- Increases the foundation amount in FY 2027 for public schools of choice based on inflation and continues inflationary increases each year after.
- Phases in student-centered funding over four years from FY 2027 to FY 2030 for public school choice programs.
- Phases out general education tuition paid by local school districts to school choice program operators by FY 2030.

Table 1: Total Year-Over-Year Increase by Operator Type (in Millions), FYs 2027-2030

Operator	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
ECS	\$95.5	\$121.7	\$154.9	\$194.8
RESC Magnets	\$18.5	\$23.3	\$28.8	\$32.2
BOE Magnets	\$9.2	\$10.1	\$11.5	\$11.9
AgriScience	\$3.3	\$3.7	\$4.4	\$4.8
State Charters	\$15.7	\$16.0	\$13.9	\$15.2
Total	\$142.2	\$174.8	\$213.6	\$258.9
# of Districts w/ Increases	165	172	179	181

Table 2: Estimated Change in Town ECS Grants for FY 2027 Under Proposed Policy

The table below displays the **estimated change** in ECS grants for each town for FY 2027 under the proposed policy, **compared to their FY 2026 ECS grant amount**.

Towns projected to receive an increase in ECS funding **over their FY 2026 ECS grant** amount are highlighted in green, while towns projected to receive the same amount are highlighted in yellow.

Note: All figures provided are estimates based on the most recent available enrollment and demographic data and the FY 2027 ECS Shell provided by the General Assembly's Office of Fiscal Analysis.

Town	FY 2026 Grant	FY 2027 Change
Andover	\$2,004,782	\$0
Ansonia	\$21,332,353	\$842,671
Ashford	\$3,459,062	\$0
Avon	\$909,358	\$123,761
Barkhamsted	\$1,494,242	\$49,122
Beacon Falls	\$4,080,374	\$145,540
Berlin	\$7,237,662	\$331,752
Bethany	\$1,764,574	\$0
Bethel	\$10,047,664	\$349,747
Bethlehem	\$1,218,610	\$43,246
Bloomfield	\$8,047,852	\$241,699
Bolton	\$2,683,216	\$79,688
Bozrah	\$1,190,095	\$0
Branford	\$3,772,866	\$0
Bridgeport	\$212,796,357	\$9,391,839
Bridgewater	\$187,715	\$5,787
Bristol	\$55,102,941	\$2,543,918
Brookfield	\$1,379,178	\$0
Brooklyn	\$6,969,690	\$141,596
Burlington	\$4,699,203	\$139,861
Canaan	\$125,752	\$0
Canterbury	\$4,004,835	\$0
Canton	\$4,068,515	\$0
Chaplin	\$1,652,147	\$0
Cheshire	\$9,439,993	\$448,677

Town	FY 2026 Grant	FY 2027 Change
Chester	\$991,921	\$55,384
Clinton	\$5,192,084	\$0
Colchester	\$12,040,218	\$0
Colebrook	\$403,912	\$0
Columbia	\$2,316,189	\$36,569
Cornwall	\$32,190	\$465
Coventry	\$7,952,911	\$171,779
Cromwell	\$6,177,563	\$287,413
Danbury	\$62,336,919	\$2,498,551
Darien	\$540,833	\$27,857
Deep River	\$1,676,105	\$10
Derby	\$10,990,454	\$240,396
Durham	\$3,293,232	\$36,489
Eastford	\$947,176	\$0
East Granby	\$2,044,159	\$109,588
East Haddam	\$3,555,957	\$86,819
East Hampton	\$6,960,947	\$96,333
East Hartford	\$70,969,366	\$3,469,589
East Haven	\$20,005,957	\$730,870
East Lyme	\$6,076,507	\$0
Easton	\$302,113	\$6,622
East Windsor	\$5,669,122	\$139,596
Ellington	\$10,341,646	\$247,099
Enfield	\$29,823,645	\$1,126,767
Essex	\$215,553	\$2,898
Fairfield	\$1,131,021	\$57,410
Farmington	\$3,707,985	\$0
Franklin	\$736,256	\$13,899
Glastonbury	\$6,717,318	\$57,679
Goshen	\$400,335	\$2,378
Granby	\$5,447,238	\$287,792
Greenwich	\$1,019,227	\$51,648
Griswold	\$10,925,151	\$476,020
Groton	\$25,040,045	\$0
Guilford	\$1,766,084	\$0
Haddam	\$3,942,046	\$110,037

Town	FY 2026 Grant	FY 2027 Change
Hamden	\$42,723,021	\$1,748,060
Hampton	\$1,058,408	\$0
Hartford	\$226,674,245	\$10,796,776
Hartland	\$1,071,722	\$0
Harwinton	\$2,889,911	\$108,411
Hebron	\$5,997,693	\$0
Kent	\$41,751	\$1,112
Killingly	\$15,574,402	\$0
Killingworth	\$2,207,225	\$31,333
Lebanon	\$4,578,589	\$0
Ledyard	\$12,032,619	\$294,028
Lisbon	\$2,899,516	\$37,746
Litchfield	\$1,557,217	\$103,962
Lyme	\$321,391	\$0
Madison	\$395,466	\$582
Manchester	\$51,701,477	\$2,561,279
Mansfield	\$13,112,190	\$0
Marlborough	\$2,952,086	\$26,458
Meriden	\$83,706,615	\$4,017,431
Middlebury	\$2,744,963	\$10,755
Middlefield	\$2,100,359	\$33,112
Middletown	\$28,184,338	\$1,360,510
Milford	\$9,673,235	\$146,289
Monroe	\$5,272,935	\$0
Montville	\$12,802,864	\$442,414
Morris	\$311,169	\$1,559
Naugatuck	\$34,096,586	\$1,335,767
New Britain	\$124,491,915	\$6,282,041
New Canaan	\$473,399	\$25,452
New Fairfield	\$3,481,120	\$0
New Hartford	\$3,011,733	\$118,789
New Haven	\$170,824,330	\$6,770,527
Newington	\$16,889,688	\$699,391
New London	\$31,150,657	\$1,327,338
New Milford	\$11,645,304	\$323,713
Newtown	\$4,495,691	\$0

Town	FY 2026 Grant	FY 2027 Change
Norfolk	\$55,415	\$368
North Branford	\$7,331,325	\$587
North Canaan	\$1,797,318	\$79,941
North Haven	\$4,399,467	\$17,237
North Stonington	\$2,660,307	\$0
Norwalk	\$16,447,293	\$865,471
Norwich	\$49,231,266	\$2,574,006
Old Lyme	\$1,494,874	\$3,181
Old Saybrook	\$132,244	\$6,326
Orange	\$1,015,498	\$0
Oxford	\$3,677,011	\$0
Plainfield	\$15,364,444	\$0
Plainville	\$12,740,359	\$535,475
Plymouth	\$9,802,121	\$298,819
Pomfret	\$2,670,987	\$0
Portland	\$4,979,837	\$250,634
Preston	\$2,952,496	\$0
Prospect	\$5,836,389	\$149,721
Putnam	\$8,340,282	\$101,290
Redding	\$280,477	\$8,500
Ridgefield	\$568,700	\$21,523
Rocky Hill	\$8,574,212	\$617,833
Roxbury	\$219,447	\$5,200
Salem	\$2,525,078	\$41,866
Salisbury	\$72,338	\$1,345
Scotland	\$1,274,671	\$0
Seymour	\$11,911,359	\$386,323
Sharon	\$29,987	\$393
Shelton	\$9,087,506	\$344,489
Sherman	\$46,995	\$1,017
Simsbury	\$8,273,772	\$165,553
Somers	\$5,692,630	\$133,083
Southbury	\$8,158,182	\$331,735
Southington	\$20,848,374	\$458,303
South Windsor	\$11,408,078	\$347,554
Sprague	\$2,706,745	\$94,441

Town	FY 2026 Grant	FY 2027 Change
Stafford	\$9,551,487	\$0
Stamford	\$22,003,161	\$951,736
Sterling	\$3,174,585	\$0
Stonington	\$1,073,011	\$0
Stratford	\$30,304,368	\$1,159,572
Suffield	\$6,163,712	\$318,217
Thomaston	\$5,481,226	\$17,623
Thompson	\$7,534,704	\$0
Tolland	\$9,105,528	\$102,053
Torrington	\$34,701,422	\$1,584,718
Trumbull	\$3,417,049	\$98,103
Union	\$211,728	\$23,305
Vernon	\$23,512,721	\$1,436,214
Voluntown	\$2,117,243	\$0
Wallingford	\$21,286,162	\$621,470
Warren	\$173,740	\$822
Washington	\$337,108	\$6,559
Waterbury	\$201,118,542	\$8,978,576
Waterford	\$326,444	\$13,106
Watertown	\$12,991,496	\$667,390
Westbrook	\$80,365	\$3,228
West Hartford	\$25,567,009	\$1,306,706
West Haven	\$59,004,684	\$2,740,936
Weston	\$263,792	\$7,929
Westport	\$610,400	\$33,650
Wethersfield	\$14,726,361	\$644,812
Willington	\$3,456,594	\$62,478
Wilton	\$461,796	\$19,185
Winchester	\$8,024,957	\$246,414
Windham	\$33,829,263	\$1,732,806
Windsor	\$12,130,392	\$305,805
Windsor Locks	\$5,225,299	\$203,755
Wolcott	\$12,387,171	\$272,964
Woodbridge	\$653,255	\$11,515
Woodbury	\$2,936,816	\$117,502
Woodstock	\$4,990,532	\$64,742

**Table 3: Estimated Total Revenue for Choice Operators for FY 2027
Under Proposed Policy**

The table below displays the **estimated total revenue** for each choice program operator in FY 2027 under the proposed policy, **compared to what they are estimated to receive in FY 2026 under current law**. Total revenue includes dollars from state grants and tuition charged to local public school districts. Choice program operators may experience a loss of tuition revenue due to the phase-out of tuition billing. However, the phase-in of state grants for public school choice programs will occur simultaneously, resulting in either no impact or net positive impacts for these operators.

Towns and districts projected to experience an increase in total revenue **compared to their FY 2026 revenue amounts** are highlighted in green, while districts projected to experience no changes are highlighted in yellow.

Note: All figures provided are estimates based on the most recent available enrollment and demographic data and the FY 2027 ECS Shell provided by the General Assembly's Office of Fiscal Analysis.

Town/District	FY 2026 Total Revenue	FY 2027 Total Revenue*
Bloomfield	\$6,057,750	\$6,371,069
Bridgeport	\$12,041,318	\$12,523,708
Danbury	\$1,788,362	\$1,859,720
East Hartford	\$1,783,328	\$1,892,748
Glastonbury	\$891,483	\$935,606
Hartford	\$53,146,123	\$55,802,704
Killingly	\$1,768,242	\$1,842,265
Lebanon	\$1,037,935	\$1,074,728
Ledyard	\$1,964,614	\$2,033,863
Middletown	\$899,287	\$915,334
New Haven	\$39,199,248	\$42,279,845
New London	\$8,179,625	\$8,445,723
Norwalk	\$1,981,921	\$2,135,851
Southington	\$1,863,730	\$1,940,473
Stamford	\$11,631,526	\$12,505,030
Suffield	\$1,484,506	\$1,534,764
Trumbull	\$2,026,046	\$2,126,013
Vernon	\$1,366,204	\$1,404,651
Wallingford	\$2,551,285	\$2,650,689
Waterbury	\$10,040,842	\$10,780,405
Windham	\$3,454,708	\$3,529,558

Town/District	FY 2026 Total Revenue	FY 2027 Total Revenue*
District No. 01	\$840,317	\$842,761
District No. 07	\$945,902	\$978,311
District No. 12	\$1,575,102	\$1,638,672
District No. 14	\$3,650,058	\$3,787,033
District No. 19	\$1,526,170	\$1,613,380
District No. 20	\$2,665,514	\$2,781,584
ACES	\$18,303,309	\$18,575,509
CES	\$8,334,160	\$8,648,889
CREC	\$155,589,860	\$157,384,320
EASTCONN	\$3,794,871	\$3,794,871
Goodwin	\$20,817,868	\$23,702,686
LEARN	\$16,883,262	\$17,837,136
Achievement First Bridgeport Academy	\$14,632,351	\$16,174,473
Achievement First Hartford Academy	\$13,371,352	\$14,749,986
Amistad Academy	\$14,783,596	\$16,229,342
Booker T. Washington Academy	\$6,088,708	\$6,667,644
Brass City Charter School	\$5,226,704	\$5,580,397
Capital Preparatory Harbor School	\$10,197,756	\$11,110,924
Common Ground High School	\$2,977,256	\$3,241,550
Edmonds Cofield Preparatory Academy for Young Men	\$2,371,548	\$4,150,001
Elm City College Preparatory School	\$10,272,920	\$11,404,159
Explorations	\$1,165,703	\$1,293,259
Great Oaks Charter School	\$9,035,343	\$9,712,019
Highville Charter School	\$6,534,587	\$6,938,538
Integrated Day Charter School	\$4,615,606	\$4,987,878
Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication	\$4,334,210	\$4,604,800
Jumoke Academy	\$9,736,427	\$9,854,159
New Beginnings Inc Family Academy	\$5,918,421	\$6,193,466
Odyssey Community School	\$5,100,286	\$5,506,343
Park City Prep Charter School	\$5,493,903	\$6,002,860
Side By Side Charter School	\$3,075,125	\$3,379,323
Stamford Big Picture Learning Academy	\$2,580,639	\$4,546,361
Stamford Charter School for Excellence	\$7,179,144	\$7,817,083
The Bridge Academy	\$3,788,350	\$4,053,345

*The estimated total revenue for FY 2027 excludes the one-time \$12 million interdistrict magnet school assistance for RESCs and GUMSS that was included in the adopted state budget for FYs 2026 and 2027.