

Element. & Secondary Education

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Office of Fiscal Analysis

	Page #	Analyst	Actual FY 16	Appropriation FY 17	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov - App FY 18
					FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	
General Fund									
Department of Education	2	SB	3,033,464,355	2,991,600,442	3,119,416,330	3,145,304,503	3,008,694,316	3,015,254,188	0.57
Office of Early Childhood	15	ES	298,124,759	293,800,629	326,975,629	326,975,629	249,894,022	242,115,500	(14.94)
State Library	20	JS	11,519,046	9,396,413	9,396,413	9,396,413	8,295,707	8,295,707	(11.71)
Teachers' Retirement Board	22	CG	997,603,465	1,034,303,990	1,304,754,970	1,381,088,674	914,871,215	947,282,537	(11.55)
Total - General Fund			4,340,711,625	4,329,101,474	4,760,543,342	4,862,765,219	4,181,755,260	4,212,947,932	(3.40)
Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund									
Department of Education	2	SB	-	-	-	-	10,000,000	10,000,000	n/a
Total - Appropriated Funds			4,340,711,625	4,329,101,474	4,760,543,342	4,862,765,219	4,191,755,260	4,222,947,932	(3.17)

Department of Education

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 16	Appropriation FY 17	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 18
			FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	
General Fund	1,806	1,815	1,820	1,820	1,811	1,811	(0.22)

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 16	Appropriation FY 17	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 18
			FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	
Personal Services	18,019,383	18,965,022	18,965,022	18,965,022	15,614,240	15,614,240	(17.67)
Other Expenses	3,823,476	3,624,378	3,624,378	3,624,378	3,261,940	3,261,940	(10.00)
Other Current Expenses							
Admin - Magnet Schools	246,063	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
Admin - Adult Education	1,029,833	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
Development of Mastery Exams Grades 4, 6, and 8	11,503,431	13,343,315	13,343,315	13,343,315	-	-	(100.00)
Admin-Interdistrict Cooperation	71,649	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
Primary Mental Health	371,794	395,518	395,518	395,518	-	-	(100.00)
Admin - Youth Service Bureaus	56,796	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
Leadership, Education, Athletics in Partnership (LEAP)	647,263	625,045	625,045	625,045	-	-	(100.00)
Adult Education Action	142,200	222,834	222,834	222,834	-	-	(100.00)
Connecticut Pre-Engineering Program	221,486	225,758	225,758	225,758	-	-	(100.00)
Connecticut Writing Project	65,248	63,360	63,360	63,360	-	-	(100.00)
Resource Equity Assessments	85,699	149,310	149,310	149,310	134,379	-	(10.00)
Neighborhood Youth Centers	1,036,264	1,048,664	1,048,664	1,048,664	-	-	(100.00)
Longitudinal Data Systems	1,128,883	1,347,717	1,347,717	1,347,717	-	-	(100.00)
School Accountability	1,332,114	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
Sheff Settlement	9,440,038	11,368,413	11,368,413	11,368,413	9,027,361	9,027,361	(20.59)
Admin - After School Programs	190,349	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
CommPACT Schools	329,175	350,000	350,000	350,000	-	-	(100.00)
Parent Trust Fund Program	421,069	439,823	439,823	439,823	-	-	(100.00)
Regional Vocational-Technical School System	162,624,943	163,367,535	163,660,980	163,710,718	-	-	(100.00)
Commissioner's Network	10,646,338	12,121,553	12,121,553	12,121,553	10,909,398	10,909,398	(10.00)
New or Replicated Schools	306,000	388,015	534,000	630,000	-	-	(100.00)
Bridges to Success	189,643	188,500	188,500	188,500	-	-	(100.00)
K-3 Reading Assessment Pilot	2,592,793	2,646,200	2,646,200	2,646,200	-	-	(100.00)
Talent Development	7,542,731	6,095,115	6,095,115	6,095,115	3,000,000	3,000,000	(50.78)
Common Core	4,291,609	4,126,767	4,126,767	4,126,767	-	-	(100.00)
Alternative High School and Adult Reading Incentive Program	174,688	188,500	188,500	188,500	-	-	(100.00)
Special Master	1,356,083	903,614	-	-	-	-	(100.00)
School-Based Diversion Initiative	288,740	942,500	942,500	942,500	-	-	(100.00)
Technical High Schools Personal Services	-	-	-	-	133,875,227	133,918,454	n/a
Technical High Schools Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	23,861,660	23,861,660	n/a
Student Assessment and Accountability	-	-	-	-	18,037,541	18,037,901	n/a

Account	Actual FY 16	Appropriation FY 17	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 18
			FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	
Division of Higher Education	-	-	-	-	4,054,434	4,054,434	n/a
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
American School For The Deaf	9,889,412	9,543,829	12,488,000	12,835,000	9,257,514	9,257,514	(3.00)
Regional Education Services	1,005,062	606,172	606,172	606,172	-	-	(100.00)
Family Resource Centers	7,990,104	7,894,843	7,894,843	7,894,843	-	-	(100.00)
Charter Schools	-	110,835,808	112,970,000	120,098,000	-	-	(100.00)
Youth Service Bureau Enhancement	577,606	668,927	668,927	668,927	-	-	(100.00)
Child Nutrition State Match	2,348,741	2,201,390	2,354,000	2,354,000	-	-	(100.00)
Health Foods Initiative	4,364,951	3,985,367	4,500,000	4,550,000	-	-	(100.00)
Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Fund	-	-	-	-	35,123,826	32,923,826	n/a
Student Support Services	-	-	-	-	7,979,217	7,979,217	n/a
State and Local Charter Schools	-	-	-	-	112,759,500	119,627,100	n/a
Child Nutrition Programs	-	-	-	-	8,614,363	8,664,363	n/a
Youth Service Bureaus and Diversion Initiatives	-	-	-	-	4,095,595	4,095,595	n/a
Grant Payments to Local Governments							
Vocational Agriculture	11,017,600	10,544,937	10,782,200	11,214,300	9,490,443	9,423,507	(10.00)
Transportation of School Children	22,336,353	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
Adult Education	19,999,328	20,383,960	23,136,074	23,408,906	20,383,960	20,383,960	-
Health and Welfare Services Pupils Private Schools	3,618,668	3,526,579	6,622,945	6,755,404	3,526,579	3,526,579	-
Education Equalization Grants	2,150,764,753	2,027,587,120	2,037,587,098	2,037,587,098	1,580,003,953	1,580,003,953	(22.07)
Bilingual Education	2,930,273	3,164,800	3,164,800	3,164,800	2,848,320	2,848,320	(10.00)
Priority School Districts	42,031,867	42,337,171	42,337,171	42,337,171	38,103,454	38,103,454	(10.00)
Young Parents Program	216,462	212,318	212,318	212,318	-	-	(100.00)
Interdistrict Cooperation	6,810,849	6,353,391	6,353,391	6,353,391	4,000,000	4,000,000	(37.04)
School Breakfast Program	2,378,038	2,225,669	3,081,576	3,081,576	-	-	(100.00)
Excess Cost - Student Based	139,843,559	135,555,731	191,348,832	197,242,376	-	-	(100.00)
Non-Public School Transportation	3,416,985	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
Youth Service Bureaus	2,769,009	2,651,516	2,651,516	2,651,516	-	-	(100.00)
Open Choice Program	35,160,537	40,258,605	42,116,500	44,603,000	40,090,639	42,090,639	(0.42)
Magnet Schools	318,723,292	313,058,158	361,000,000	370,000,000	313,058,158	313,058,158	-
After School Program	5,095,123	4,866,695	4,866,695	4,866,695	-	-	(100.00)
Special Education	-	-	-	-	597,582,615	597,582,615	n/a
Agency Total - General Fund	3,033,464,355	2,991,600,442	3,119,416,330	3,145,304,503	3,008,694,316	3,015,254,188	0.57
Education Equalization Grants	-	-	-	-	10,000,000	10,000,000	n/a
Agency Total - Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund	-	-	-	-	10,000,000	10,000,000	n/a
Total - Appropriated Funds	3,033,464,355	2,991,600,442	3,119,416,330	3,145,304,503	3,018,694,316	3,025,254,188	0.91
Additional Funds Available							
Federal Funds	481,037,731	490,736,000	500,545,000	513,057,000	503,681,450	516,253,950	2.64
Private Contributions & Other Restricted	1,432,065	1,461,000	1,489,000	1,526,000	1,489,000	1,526,000	1.92
Private Contributions	11,833,014	12,070,000	12,312,000	12,622,000	12,692,000	13,007,000	5.15
Agency Grand Total	3,527,767,165	3,495,867,442	3,633,762,330	3,672,509,503	3,536,556,766	3,556,041,138	1.16

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19

Policy Revisions

Provide Additional Funding for ECS

Education Equalization Grants	10,000,000	10,000,000
Total - Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund	10,000,000	10,000,000

Background

The Education Cost Sharing Grant (ECS) is the state's primary vehicle for distributing aid to Connecticut public school districts on an equalized basis. This single grant makes up more than half of the total state contribution to elementary and secondary education. ECS is designed to equalize town's ability to finance education by distributing state funds based on factors of local fiscal capacity and the needs of the student population. Payments are made as follows: 25% in October, 25% in January, and the balance in April.

The Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund (MRSF) was created in PA 16-2, the Revised FY 17 budget, to provide \$185 million in funding in FY 17 to municipalities and regional councils of government. Of this amount, \$10 million is allocated in FY 17 for ECS grants.

Governor

Provide funding of \$10 million (from the Municipal Revenue Sharing account) in both FY 18 and FY 19.

Additionally, the ECS formula has been revised to include the following:

- The foundation has been reduced from \$11,525 to \$8,990.
- The weight for low income students utilizes Husky A data (including non-school aged children), rather than Free and Reduced Price Lunch students.
- The property wealth component, which is the Guaranteed Wealth Level has been reduced from 1.5 times the median equalized net grand list per capita and median household income, to 1.24 times, which effectively reduces base aid ratios.
- The minimum base aid ratio is reduced from 1% to 0%, which means the wealthiest districts may receive no ECS grant.

Establish New Account for Special Education Funding

Education Equalization Grants	(447,583,167)	(447,583,167)
Excess Cost - Student Based	(140,000,000)	(140,000,000)
Special Education	597,582,615	597,582,615
Total - General Fund	9,999,448	9,999,448

Background

The Excess Cost account provides grants to local and regional boards of education for current year excess costs associated with the provision of special education services. The state pays the following amounts depending upon who is responsible for the education of the child: (1) state agency placed - no-nexus (on state-owned property) - the state pays 100% of the cost, (2) locally placed students - the state will pay costs in excess of four-and-a-half times the prior year current net expenditures per pupil, and (3) state agency placed (where nexus is known) - the state will pay costs in excess of one times the prior year net current expenditures per pupil.

The Excess Cost account is currently the only budget line item that directly assists boards of education with special education costs.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$447,583,167 in both FY 18 and FY 19 from the ECS grant and \$140 million in both FY 18 and FY 19 from the Excess Cost grant, to establish a new Special Education account. The transfer will eliminate the Excess Cost account.

Funding for the new Special Education account will be based on a sliding wealth-based scale, ranging from 0-53.93%. The wealth-based sliding scale is calculated using equalized net grand list per capita and reimbursement based on previous year special education expenditures.

Provide Additional Funding for State Charter Schools

State and Local Charter Schools	5,000,000	5,000,000
Total - General Fund	5,000,000	5,000,000

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19

Background

In FY 16, the number of state funded state and local charter school students totaled 9,573. The state provides a per pupil reimbursement grant of \$11,000 to students attending state charter schools and \$3,000 per pupil for students attending local charter schools.

Governor

Provide additional funding of \$5 million in both FY 18 and FY 19 to increase the state per pupil reimbursement rate from \$11,000 to \$11,500.

Consolidate State and Local Charter School Accounts

New or Replicated Schools	(438,000)	(534,000)
Charter Schools	(107,321,500)	(114,093,100)
State and Local Charter Schools	107,759,500	114,627,100
Total - General Fund	-	-

Background

In FY 16, the number of state funded state and local charter school students totaled 9,573. The state provides a per pupil reimbursement grant of \$11,000 to students attending state charter schools and \$3,000 per pupil for students attending local charter schools.

Governor

Transfer local charter school funding of \$438,000 in FY 18 and \$534,000 in FY 19 and state charter school funding of \$107,321,500 in FY 18 and \$114,093,100 in FY 19 to establish a new State and Local Charter Schools account.

Reduce Funding for Various School Choice Programs

New or Replicated Schools	(84,360)	(84,360)
Charter Schools	(2,323,426)	(2,679,826)
Vocational Agriculture	(738,146)	(805,082)
Interdistrict Cooperation	(2,162,790)	(2,162,790)
Open Choice Program	(3,220,689)	(3,707,189)
Magnet Schools	(47,941,842)	(56,941,842)
Total - General Fund	(56,471,253)	(66,381,089)

Background

- The New or Replicated Schools account funds local charter schools, through a \$3,000 per pupil grant.
- Charter Schools provide an \$11,000 per pupil state reimbursement for each student attending a state charter school.
- Vocational Agriculture provides training for students planning a career in agriculture fields, including aquaculture and marine related employment. The State Board of Education has approved regional vocational agriculture centers in 19 comprehensive high schools throughout the state.
- The Interdistrict Cooperative Program serves elementary and secondary students in prekindergarten through Grade 12. This competitive grant program funds interdistrict programs designed to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity and to advance student achievement through these activities. Eligibility for a grant is dependent upon a cooperative arrangement involving two or more local or regional boards of education or a regional educational service center. Grant awards are based on the number of students involved, the number of face-to-face meetings between students, and the quality of the interaction and student experiences.
- The Open Choice program allows public school students from Hartford, New London, New Haven or Bridgeport to attend school in another school district in the region. It also allows students who live in school districts in those regions to attend school in the urban centers. The program is designed to reduce racial and economic isolation while providing improved educational choices for students and their parents. The program is administered by the regional education service centers serving Hartford, New London, New Haven and Bridgeport.
- The Interdistrict Magnet Schools grant is designed to support racial, ethnic and economic diversity through a high-quality curriculum. Magnet Schools provide a range of themes including performing arts, math, science and technology, international studies, early childhood and multicultural education. The program also provides transportation to interdistrict school students who reside outside the district in which the school is located. Eligibility for a grant is dependent upon a cooperative arrangement involving two or more local or regional boards of education or a regional educational service center and approval of the operations plan by the State Department of Education.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19

Governor

Reduce funding by \$56,471,253 in FY 18 and \$66,381,089 in FY 19 associated with various school choice programs. The reduction will result in fewer seats and slots for eligible students and/or reduced grants to local school districts. Additionally, it is anticipated that the impact to the Magnet School account will result in a 3-5% decrease in provider operating grants.

Transfer the Office of Higher Education to SDE

Division of Higher Education	4,054,434	4,054,434
Roberta B. Willis Scholarship Fund	35,123,826	32,923,826
Total - General Fund	39,178,260	36,978,260
Positions - General Fund	27	27

Background

The Office of Higher Education seeks to advance the promise of postsecondary education for all state residents. Key state responsibilities, in addition to student financial aid administration, include: the licensure and accreditation of Connecticut's independent colleges and universities (programmatic and institutional; non-profit and for-profit), licensure of in-state academic programs offered by out-of-state institutions, regulation of more than 150 postsecondary schools and operation of the Alternate Route to Certification. The office also serves as the portal agency in the administration of Connecticut's State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA). Major federal responsibilities include AmeriCorps, Veterans Program Approval, and the Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Program.

Governor

Transfer the Office of Higher Education, along with twenty-seven positions, and corresponding funding of \$39,178,260 in FY 18 and \$36,978,260 in FY 19 to the State Department of Education.

Divide the Vocational Technical High School Account

Regional Vocational-Technical School System	(155,138,607)	(155,181,834)
Technical High Schools Personal Services	131,276,947	131,320,174
Technical High Schools Other Expenses	23,861,660	23,861,660
Total - General Fund	-	-

Governor

Transfer funding of \$155,138,607 in FY 18 and \$155,181,834 in FY 19 from the Regional Vocational-Technical School System account, into two new accounts, Technical High Schools Personal Services and Technical High Schools Other Expenses.

Transfer Funding to the Vocational Technical High Schools

Personal Services	(1,704,280)	(1,704,280)
Technical High Schools Personal Services	1,704,280	1,704,280
Total - General Fund	-	-

Governor

Transfer funding of \$1,704,280 in both FY 18 and FY 19 from Personal Services to the Technical High Schools for better service and coordination.

Adjust Funding for the Vocational Technical High Schools

Regional Vocational-Technical School System	(3,594,000)	(3,594,000)
Technical High Schools Personal Services	894,000	894,000
Total - General Fund	(2,700,000)	(2,700,000)
Positions - General Fund	(35)	(35)

Background

The Connecticut Vocational Technical High School system operates 17 degree-granting schools and one technical education center. The system serves over 10,000 full-time high school students with comprehensive education and training in over 40 areas.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2,700,000, and 35 corresponding positions, in both FY 18 and FY 19, for the Technical High Schools. The reduction is associated with centralizing all finance and business functions throughout the system.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19

Consolidate YSBs and Diversion Initiatives

School-Based Diversion Initiative	(848,250)	(848,250)
Youth Service Bureau Enhancement	(648,859)	(648,859)
Youth Service Bureaus and Diversion Initiatives	4,095,595	4,095,595
Youth Service Bureaus	(2,598,486)	(2,598,486)
Total - General Fund	-	-

Background

- Youth Service Bureaus (YSB) assist municipalities and private youth-serving agencies, designated to act as agents for such municipalities, in establishing, maintaining, or expanding youth services. Direct services which may be provided by YSBs include: individual and group counseling, parent training and family therapy, employment assistance, alternative and special educational opportunities, outreach programs, teen pregnancy services, suspension and expulsion services, diversion from juvenile justice services, preventive programs including youth pregnancy, youth suicide, violence, and alcohol and drug prevention. Ninety-nine Youth Service Bureaus participate in the grant program, serving 126 towns.
- An enhancement to the Youth Service Bureau (YSB) budget line was approved by the Connecticut General Assembly to support the core unit functions of Youth Service Bureaus in existence prior to June 2007. Grants are based on the population of town(s) served by each bureau.
- The School-Based Diversion Initiative, part of the Second Chance Society Initiative, has a goal of reducing the rates of in-school arrests, expulsions, and out-of-school arrests.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$4,095,595 from School-Based Diversion Account (\$848,250), Youth Service Bureau Enhancement (\$648,859), and Youth Service Bureaus (\$2,598,486) in both FY 18 and FY 19 to create the Youth Service Bureaus and Diversion Initiatives Account.

Consolidate Child Nutrition Programs

Child Nutrition State Match	(2,354,000)	(2,354,000)
Health Foods Initiative	(4,101,463)	(4,151,463)
Child Nutrition Programs	8,614,363	8,664,363
School Breakfast Program	(2,158,900)	(2,158,900)
Total - General Fund	-	-

Background

- Child Nutrition State Match provides funds for a mandated state matching grant to maintain eligibility for federal child nutrition funds. Each of the 217 national school lunch sponsors in Connecticut, including private schools, shares proportionately in this grant according to the percentage of total meals served. Prior to FY 11, this grant was one of three grants that made up the Omnibus Education Grants for State Supported Services. PA 10-179 separated the programs into three individual accounts in order to provide more transparency in the budgeting process.
- Health Foods Initiative provides for an additional grant of \$.10 per lunch for schools that adhere to the healthy school food initiative.
- The state School Breakfast Program is directed toward the student population in schools where 40 percent or more of the children receive a free or reduced-priced lunch. Breakfast is available to children at the beginning of each school day.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$18,037,541 in FY 18 and \$18,037,901 in FY 19 from Child Nutrition State Match (\$2,354,000 in both FY 18 and FY 19), Health Foods Initiative (\$4,101,463 in FY 18 and \$4,151,463 in FY 19) and State School Breakfast Program (\$2,158,900 in both FY 18 and FY 19) to establish a new Child Nutrition Program Account.

Consolidate Student Assessment and Accountability Programs

Development of Mastery Exams Grades 4, 6, and 8	(12,943,016)	(12,943,016)
Longitudinal Data Systems	(1,212,945)	(1,212,945)
K-3 Reading Assessment Pilot	(2,381,580)	(2,381,940)
Common Core	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)
Student Assessment and Accountability	18,037,541	18,037,901
Total - General Fund	-	-

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19

Background

- The Development of Mastery Exams account provides testing and scoring of statewide exams, as well as test development. The Connecticut Master Test (CMT) is administered to students in grades 3 to 8 and the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) is administered to 10th graders. Approximately 15,000 additional special education and bilingual education students are now being assessed. Contract funding is provided for outside professional services.
- The Longitudinal Data System tracks individual students over time. The components of the system include: (1) a teachers certification system, (2) the Public School Information System, and (3) the data warehouse.
- The Early Literacy Pilot Study (assessment pilot), established in July 2011, studies the impact of using an alternative reading assessment system in Grades K-3. The primary purpose of the assessment pilot is to compare the results of the alternative assessment system to the current reading assessment, the Developmental Reading Assessment Second Edition (DRA2), and to ensure best practice in reading assessment and intervention.
- Common Core provides a set of K-12 education standards for English language arts and mathematics developed by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers. The implementation of the standards seeks to raise student achievement and provide more uniform curricula and instruction among states. The Common Core standards were adopted by the State Board of Education in July 2010.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$18,037,541 in FY 18 and \$18,037,901 in FY 19, from the Development of Mastery Exams (\$12,943,016 in both FY 18 and 19), Longitudinal Data Systems (\$1,212,945 in both FY 18 and FY 19), K-3 Reading Assessment Pilot (\$2,381,580 in FY 18 and \$2,381,940 in FY 19), and Common Core (\$1,500,000 in both FY 18 and FY 19) to establish the Student Assessment and Accountability Account.

Consolidate Student Support Services

Primary Mental Health	(355,966)	(355,966)
Adult Education Action	(216,149)	(216,149)
Neighborhood Youth Centers	(524,332)	(524,332)
Sheff Settlement	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)
Parent Trust Fund Program	(395,841)	(395,841)
Talent Development	350,000	350,000
Regional Education Services	(350,000)	(350,000)
Family Resource Centers	(3,947,423)	(3,947,423)
Student Support Services	7,979,217	7,979,217
Young Parents Program	(106,159)	(106,159)
Open Choice Program	2,000,000	2,000,000
After School Program	(2,433,347)	(2,433,347)
Total - General Fund	-	-

Background

- The Primary Mental Health Program (PMHP) is a school-based early intervention program. It serves at-risk kindergarten through grade 3 children through the detection and prevention of emotional, behavioral and learning problems. PMHP serves approximately 1,200 children in 25 to 30 school districts, annually. Funding pays for a portion of the costs of counselor assistants (Supervised Mental Health Professionals). Funding is supplemented with federal IDEA Part B funds.
- The Adult Education account assists in defraying the cost of the GED exams. The largest user of these exams is the Department of Corrections.
- The Neighborhood Youth Center Program is composed of two initiatives. One is the Boys & Girls Clubs Program funded at \$1 million. The purpose of the Boys & Girls Clubs Program is to continue to expand and provide safe haven programming to the youth of Connecticut through the addition of staff, services and innovative programming at the 16 Boys & Girls Clubs across Connecticut. This program requires a 100% cash match from the clubs. The second initiative is the Neighborhood Youth Center State Grant Program which supports specific local initiatives to increase positive experiences for youth ages 12 through 18 years in high need neighborhoods, primarily in New Haven. This program requires a 50% cash or in-kind match. The Neighborhood Youth Center Program provides funds to support neighborhood youth centers in Connecticut's seven largest cities: Bridgeport, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, Norwalk, Stamford and Waterbury.
- The Sheff Settlement account represents the amount of funding using current statutory language necessary to allow the state to achieve the goals set forth in the court order and stipulation for Sheff v. O'Neill. Funds are spent to increase the participation of Hartford minority students in reduced isolation educational settings as defined by the agreement. The agreement allows the state to utilize the following programs to meet the goals outlined in the stipulation: Interdistrict Magnet Schools, CT State Technical Schools, Charter Schools, Open Choice, Regional Vocational-Agricultural programs, and Interdistrict Cooperative grants.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19

- The Parent Trust Fund is a family involved initiative focused on training parents in civic leadership skills to improve the health, safety and learning of children. The agency administers the program through the State Education and Resource Center (SERC).
- The Talent Development Account is used to develop and deploy talent management and human capital development strategies to districts and schools state-wide so that the most effective educators are in every school and classroom and all students are prepared for college, career and life. Programs supported by this account, include: professional learning for teachers, website development, teacher evaluation system, and technical assistance for educators.
- The six regional educational service centers (RESCs) assist the local school systems in their efforts on behalf of school and student achievement. The RESCs provide high-quality, cost-effective programs to improve teaching and learning throughout Connecticut. The RESCs also provide technical assistance and support to their member school districts. Each of the six centers provides regional programs driven by local demand - often including special education, professional development, school-to-career transition, interdistrict quality and diversity activities, magnet schools, cooperative purchasing and other services.
- Family Resource Centers help communities prevent an array of childhood and adolescent problems. This is accomplished by strengthening effective family management practices and establishing a continuum of childcare and support services. By using public school buildings, Family Resource Centers are able to take advantage of the geographic area served by the school. All families residing in the school's attendance area are eligible for services offered by the center. The components of the family resource centers are as follows: (1) child care, (2) adult education, (3) families in training, (4) school-age child care, (5) positive youth development/teen pregnancy prevention, (6) support and training to home day-care providers, (7) and resource and referral.
- The Young Parents' program provides funding to help school districts maintain or establish programs with daycare components for students who are parents and need additional support in the public schools to continue their education. Teenage mothers and fathers have unique educational needs and the babies of young parents are at risk of handicaps, health disorders and developmental delays. This program allows teen parents to complete their high school education while their babies receive quality child care. The state allocations are matched by local funding.
- The Open Choice program allows public school students from Hartford, New London, New Haven, or Bridgeport to attend school in another school district in the region. It also allows students who live in school districts in those regions to attend school in the urban centers. The program is designed to reduce racial and economic isolation while providing improved educational choices for students and their parents. The program is administered by the regional educational service centers serving Hartford, New London, New Haven, and Bridgeport.
- The After School Program provides grants for after school programs to local and regional boards of education, municipalities, and not-for-profit organizations to model best practices for after school programming with the goals of improving student achievement, school attendance, and behavior in school.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$7,979,217 in both FY 18 and FY 19 from various accounts, into a new Student Support Services account.

Eliminate Various Grant Programs

Leadership, Education, Athletics in Partnership (LEAP)	(462,534)	(462,534)
Connecticut Writing Project	(30,000)	(30,000)
Resource Equity Assessments	(10,452)	(144,831)
CommPACT Schools	(339,500)	(339,500)
Bridges to Success	(139,490)	(139,490)
Alternative High School and Adult Reading Incentive Program	(182,845)	(182,845)
Regional Education Services	(237,988)	(237,988)
Total - General Fund	(1,402,809)	(1,537,188)

Background

- The Leadership, Education, and Athletics in Partnership (LEAP) program is a model mentoring program which matches children, ages 7-14, from high poverty urban neighborhoods in the City of New Haven with trained high school and college student counselors. LEAP provides programs and services to help children develop their academic skills and self esteem, improve their ability to succeed in school, and be involved in their community. LEAP also provides its college and high school counselors with opportunities to teach and mentor children. It also offers counselors training and other experiences to develop their leadership skills and refine their career goals.
- The Connecticut Writing Project (CWP) provides opportunities for growth and professional development for teachers in the areas of reading and writing.
- Resource Equity Assessments is used for the state's implementation of the PJ Settlement (also known as Developmentally Disabled Settlement), which requires communities to place children with disabilities in the least restrictive educational environments.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19

- The CommPact Community Schools Collaborative provides resources, materials, technical assistance, and evaluation frameworks to guide the establishment of community schools.
- Bridges to Success provides funding to support at risk high school students to successfully transition to college.
- The Alternative High School and Adult Reading Incentive program serves Adult Education students without a high school diploma who require additional instruction. Types of Services include: literacy and numeracy instruction, training in technology and technical skills, counseling, professional development and classroom interventions for teachers with a special emphasis on reading.
- The Regional Education Services account provides state funding to the six regional educational service centers (RESCs), which assist the local school systems in their efforts on behalf of school and student achievement. The RESCs play an active role in providing high-quality, cost-effective programs to improve teaching and learning throughout Connecticut. The RESCs provide technical assistance and support to their member school districts. Each of the six centers provides regional programs driven by local demand - often including special education, professional development, school-to-career transition, interdistrict quality and diversity activities and magnet schools, cooperative purchasing and other services.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$1,402,809 in FY 18 and \$1,537,188 in FY 19 associated with various grant programs.

Reduce Funding for Various Accounts by 50%

Neighborhood Youth Centers	(251,680)	(251,680)
Family Resource Centers	(3,710,575)	(3,710,575)
Young Parents Program	(99,790)	(99,790)
After School Program	(2,287,348)	(2,287,348)
Total - General Fund	(6,349,393)	(6,349,393)

Background

- The Neighborhood Youth Center Program is composed of two initiatives. One is the Boys & Girls Clubs Program funded at \$1 million. The purpose of the Boys & Girls Clubs Program is to continue to expand and provide safe haven programming to the youth of Connecticut through the addition of staff, services and innovative programming at the 16 Boys & Girls Clubs across Connecticut. This program requires a 100% cash match from the clubs. The second initiative is the Neighborhood Youth Center State Grant Program which supports specific local initiatives to increase positive experiences for youth ages 12 through 18 years in high need neighborhoods, primarily in New Haven. This program requires a 50% cash or in-kind match. The Neighborhood Youth Center Program provides funds to support neighborhood youth centers in Connecticut's seven largest cities: Bridgeport, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, Norwalk, Stamford and Waterbury.
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Governor

Reduce funding by \$6,349,393 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to reflect a 50% reduction across accounts.

Reduce Funding for Various Accounts by 10%

Other Expenses	(253,707)	(253,707)
Primary Mental Health	(27,687)	(27,687)
Longitudinal Data Systems	(94,341)	(94,341)
Parent Trust Fund Program	(30,788)	(30,788)
Commissioner's Network	(848,509)	(848,509)
K-3 Reading Assessment Pilot	(185,234)	(184,874)

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19
School-Based Diversion Initiative	(65,975)	(65,975)
Health Foods Initiative	(278,977)	(278,977)
Bilingual Education	(221,536)	(221,536)
Priority School Districts	(4,233,717)	(4,233,717)
Total - General Fund	(6,240,471)	(6,240,111)

Governor

Reduce funding by \$6,240,471 in FY 18 and \$6,240,111 in FY 19 to reflect a 10% reduction across various accounts.

Extend Cap on Various Statutory Grants

Adult Education	(2,752,114)	(3,024,946)
Health and Welfare Services Pupils Private Schools	(2,990,569)	(3,123,028)
Excess Cost - Student Based	(51,348,832)	(57,242,376)
Total - General Fund	(57,091,515)	(63,390,350)

Background

Various formulaic grants are established within statute, and these same grants can also be capped in statute. If the grants are capped, funding is distributed based on a proration of the anticipated formula. In FY 03, various grants administered by the State Department of Education were capped. For FY 09 the caps were lifted, which resulted in higher grant payments to some municipalities. However, since FY 10 the grants have been capped.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$57,091,515 in FY 18 and \$63,390,350 in FY 19 to reflect an extension of caps on various statutory formula grants for FY 18 and FY 19.

Reduce Funding for Talent Development and Common Core

Talent Development	(3,262,262)	(3,262,262)
Common Core	(2,502,965)	(2,502,965)
Total - General Fund	(5,765,227)	(5,765,227)

Background

The Talent Development account is used to develop and deploy talent management and human capital development strategies to districts and schools state-wide so that: (1) the most effective educators are in every school and classroom, and (2) all students are prepared for college, career, and life. Programs supported by this account, include: (1) professional learning for teachers, (2) website development, (3) the teacher evaluation system, and (4) technical assistance for educators.

Common Core provides a set of K-12 education standards for English language arts and mathematics developed by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers that seek to raise student achievement and provide more uniform curricula and instruction among states. The Common Core was adopted by the State Board of Education in July 2010.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$5,765,227 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to achieve savings. This reduction will result in fewer services and supports for local and regional school districts.

Reduce Funding for Personal Services

Personal Services	(698,251)	(698,251)
Total - General Fund	(698,251)	(698,251)

Governor

Reduce funding for Personal Services (PS) by \$698,251 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to achieve savings. This reduction to PS will result in a reduction in staff.

Annualize FY 17 Holdbacks

Personal Services	(948,251)	(948,251)
Other Expenses	(108,731)	(108,731)
Development of Mastery Exams Grades 4, 6, and 8	(400,299)	(400,299)
Primary Mental Health	(11,865)	(11,865)
Leadership, Education, Athletics in Partnership (LEAP)	(162,511)	(162,511)
Adult Education Action	(6,685)	(6,685)
Connecticut Pre-Engineering Program	(225,758)	(225,758)
Connecticut Writing Project	(33,360)	(33,360)

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19
Resource Equity Assessments	(4,479)	(4,479)
Neighborhood Youth Centers	(272,652)	(272,652)
Longitudinal Data Systems	(40,431)	(40,431)
Sheff Settlement	(341,052)	(341,052)
CommPACT Schools	(10,500)	(10,500)
Parent Trust Fund Program	(13,194)	(13,194)
Regional Vocational-Technical School System	(4,901,026)	(4,901,026)
Commissioner's Network	(363,646)	(363,646)
New or Replicated Schools	(11,640)	(11,640)
Bridges to Success	(49,010)	(49,010)
K-3 Reading Assessment Pilot	(79,386)	(79,386)
Talent Development	(182,853)	(182,853)
Common Core	(123,802)	(123,802)
Alternative High School and Adult Reading Incentive Program	(5,655)	(5,655)
School-Based Diversion Initiative	(28,275)	(28,275)
American School For The Deaf	(286,315)	(286,315)
Regional Education Services	(18,184)	(18,184)
Family Resource Centers	(236,845)	(236,845)
Charter Schools	(3,325,074)	(3,325,074)
Youth Service Bureau Enhancement	(20,068)	(20,068)
Child Nutrition State Match	(66,041)	(66,041)
Health Foods Initiative	(119,560)	(119,560)
Vocational Agriculture	(316,348)	(316,348)
Health and Welfare Services Pupils Private Schools	(105,797)	(105,797)
Bilingual Education	(94,944)	(94,944)
Young Parents Program	(6,369)	(6,369)
Interdistrict Cooperation	(190,601)	(190,601)
School Breakfast Program	(66,769)	(66,769)
Youth Service Bureaus	(53,030)	(53,030)
Open Choice Program	(805,172)	(805,172)
After School Program	(146,000)	(146,000)
Total - General Fund	(14,182,178)	(14,182,178)

Background

The Governor implemented FY 17 holdbacks totaling \$149.5 million. The Governor's FY 18 and FY 19 Budget annualizes \$81.7 million of FY 17 holdbacks in FY 18 and \$81.8 million in FY 19 across various agencies.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$14,182,178 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to annualize FY 17 holdbacks.

Current Services

Fund Various Grants at Statutorily Required Level

Adult Education	2,752,114	3,024,946
Health and Welfare Services Pupils Private Schools	3,096,366	3,228,825
Excess Cost - Student Based	55,793,101	61,686,645
Total - General Fund	61,641,581	67,940,416

Governor

Provide funding of \$61,641,581 in FY 18 and \$67,940,416 in FY 19 to fund various formula based grants at statutorily required levels.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19

Provide Funding for Various School Choice Programs

New or Replicated Schools	145,985	241,985
Charter Schools	2,134,192	9,262,192
Open Choice Program	1,857,895	4,344,395
Magnet Schools	47,941,842	56,941,842
Total - General Fund	52,079,914	70,790,414

Governor

Provide funding of \$52,079,914 in FY 18 and \$70,790,414 in FY 19 to increase funding in various choice programs.

Provide Additional Positions for JM Wright Technical School

Regional Vocational-Technical School System	266,098	309,325
Total - General Fund	266,098	309,325
Positions - General Fund	4	4

Governor

Provide funding of \$266,098 in FY 18 and \$309,325 in FY 19 for four positions at JM Wright Technical School. The four new positions, include: an (1) English, (2) Mathematics, and (3) Social Studies instructor, and (4) a custodian.

Eliminate Special Master Funding

Special Master	(903,614)	(903,614)
Total - General Fund	(903,614)	(903,614)

Background

This account funds the person(s) appointed by the State Board of Education (SBE) to collaborate with the board of education and school superintendent of a low-performing school district to: (1) implement the district's improvement plan developed under the state education accountability law, (2) manage and allocate the district's federal, state, and local funds, and (3) report regularly to the SBE on the (a) district's progress in implementing its improvement plan, and (b) effectiveness of its school board and superintendent. Appointments last for one year unless extended by SBE. Windham and New London have each been appointed a Special Master.

Governor

Eliminate funding for the Special Master account by \$903,614 in both FY 18 and FY 19.

Provide Additional Funding for Health and Nutrition Programs

Child Nutrition State Match	218,651	218,651
Health Foods Initiative	514,633	564,633
Total - General Fund	733,284	783,284

Governor

Provide funding of \$218,651 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to the Child Nutrition State Match program and \$514,633 in FY 18 and \$564,633 in FY 19 to Health Foods Initiative to maintain federal maintenance of effort requirements.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19
FY 17 Appropriation - GF	2,991,600,442	2,991,600,442
Policy Revisions	(96,723,389)	(115,266,079)
Current Services	113,817,263	138,919,825
Total Recommended - GF	3,008,694,316	3,015,254,188
FY 17 Appropriation - MU	-	-
Policy Revisions	10,000,000	10,000,000
Total Recommended - MU	10,000,000	10,000,000

Positions	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19
FY 17 Appropriation - GF	1,815	1,815
Policy Revisions	(8)	(8)
Current Services	4	4
Total Recommended - GF	1,811	1,811

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 16	Appropriation FY 17	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 18
			FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	
General Fund	116	116	119	119	114	114	(1.72)

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 16	Appropriation FY 17	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 18
			FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	
Personal Services	7,792,358	8,289,321	8,464,321	8,464,321	7,262,793	7,262,793	(12.38)
Other Expenses	970,423	321,367	321,367	321,367	411,727	411,727	28.12
Other Current Expenses							
Children's Trust Fund	11,092,651	11,320,721	11,320,721	11,320,721	-	-	(100.00)
Early Childhood Program	10,396,082	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
Birth to Three	30,930,270	24,686,804	24,686,804	24,686,804	-	-	(100.00)
Community Plans for Early Childhood	659,540	659,734	659,734	659,734	-	-	(100.00)
Improving Early Literacy	133,302	142,500	142,500	142,500	-	-	(100.00)
Child Care Services	16,999,688	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
Evenstart	438,938	451,250	451,250	451,250	-	-	(100.00)
Nurturing Families Network	-	-	-	-	10,230,303	10,230,303	n/a
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Head Start Services	5,609,002	5,744,162	5,744,162	5,744,162	5,186,978	5,186,978	(9.70)
Care4Kids TANF/CCDF	123,830,082	122,130,084	155,130,084	155,130,084	114,730,084	109,530,084	(6.06)
Child Care Quality Enhancements	2,624,268	2,894,114	2,894,114	2,894,114	6,855,033	6,855,033	136.86
Head Start - Early Childhood Link	648,824	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership	732,937	1,165,721	1,165,721	1,165,721	1,130,750	1,130,750	(3.00)
Early Care and Education	-	111,821,921	111,821,921	111,821,921	104,086,354	101,507,832	(6.92)
Grant Payments to Local Governments							
School Readiness Quality Enhancement	3,654,271	4,172,930	4,172,930	4,172,930	-	-	(100.00)
School Readiness	81,612,123	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
Agency Total - General Fund	298,124,759	293,800,629	326,975,629	326,975,629	249,894,022	242,115,500	(14.94)
Additional Funds Available							
Federal Funds	51,110,604	52,392,716	42,433,425	43,235,816	46,000,729	49,381,642	(12.20)
Private Contributions & Other Restricted	1,970,248	2,962,406	5,218,000	10,218,000	5,218,000	10,218,000	76.14
Private Contributions	8,665,849	7,402,327	127,000	-	127,000	-	(98.28)
Agency Grand Total	359,871,460	356,558,078	374,754,054	380,429,445	301,239,751	301,715,142	(15.51)

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19

Policy Revisions

Maintain Closure of Care4Kids Priority Groups to new Apps

Care4Kids TANF/CCDF	(7,400,000)	(12,600,000)
Total - General Fund	(7,400,000)	(12,600,000)

Governor

Reduce funding by \$7.4 million in FY 18 and \$12.6 million in FY 19 to reflect annualizing savings associated with closing priority groups 2 and 4 of the Care4Kids program to new applicants. Priority group 4 (working families) closed to new applicants in August 2016. Priority Group 2 (former TANF recipients) closed to new applicants as of January 2017.

Eliminate Funding for Various Programs

Children's Trust Fund	(977,211)	(977,211)
Community Plans for Early Childhood	(551,753)	(551,753)
Evenstart	(437,713)	(437,713)
Total - General Fund	(1,966,677)	(1,966,677)

Background

Evenstart is a state-funded, two-generational program, focusing on family literacy. Eligible families include a parent lacking a high school diploma and/or basic reading skills or needing English-as-a-second-language skills and have a child under the age of eight. Total funding of \$438,938 was distributed to Middletown, New London and Torrington (\$146,312 to each town) in FY 16.

Community Plans for Early Childhood provides matching funds to approximately 36 partnership grants for 40 Discovery communities to support their local early childhood councils or collaboratives. Funding of \$659,540 was distributed in FY 16 to 26 entities.

The Help Me Grow and Healthy Start programs are funded under the Children's Trust Fund.

- Help Me Grow is a prevention initiative that identifies and refers young children with behavioral health, development and psychosocial needs to community-based services. The program serves children who may not be eligible for the state's Birth to Three or Preschool Special Education programs, yet are still at risk for developmental issues.
- Healthy Start provides case management and assistance with obtaining Medicaid/HUSKY coverage for eligible pregnant women and their children who are under three years old and at or below 185% FPL. The program also assists undocumented pregnant immigrants, not eligible for HUSKY, to find resources in their communities to help cover the cost of prenatal care. The program is administered through five Office of Early Childhood contracts with community providers that in turn sub-contract with local providers for a total of 15 providers statewide.

Governor

Funding is reduced by \$1,966,677 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to reflect the elimination of Community Plans for Early Childhood, Evenstart and the Healthy Start and Help Me Grow programs under the Children's Trust Fund. Remaining funds in the Children's Trust Fund account will support Nurturing Families Network.

Reduce Funding for Head Start Services

Head Start Services	(384,860)	(384,860)
Total - General Fund	(384,860)	(384,860)

Background

Head Start is a child development program that services children from birth to age five and their families. The purpose of the state program is to establish or expand extended-day, full-day, year-round Head Start program spaces; enhance program quality, and increase the number of children served. State Head Start funds can only be used to supplement and not to supplant, federal, state and/or local funds. All Head Start programs that receive State Head Start funding must be in compliance with Federal Head Start Performance Standards. Connecticut programs are administered by community action agencies, local education agencies and other nonprofit agencies.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$384,860 in both FY 18 and FY 19 for Head Start Services.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19

Realign TANF, SSBG and CCDF Funds to Streamline Programs

Early Care and Education	(7,735,567)	(10,314,089)
Total - General Fund	(7,735,567)	(10,314,089)

Background

Connecticut receives \$266.8 million per year under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant and transfers 10% of this amount to the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). Currently, TANF/SSBG funding is granted to Departments of Social Services (DSS), Housing (DOH), and Children and Families (DCF), as well as the Office of Early Childhood (OEC). The accounting period for the federal government begins on October 1 and ends on September 30.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$7,735,567 in FY 18 and \$10,314,089 in FY 19 to reflect the shifting of funds from the current TANF/SSBG recipient agencies (DSS, DOH and DCF) to the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) under OEC. This shift will have no net impact on revenue, or General Fund appropriations, and will not result in any reduction in services. This change provides General Fund support to former TANF/SSBG recipient agencies. (See the table below for further detail.) The purpose of this shift is to simplify administrative activities related to provision of block grant-funded services for all agencies involved.

General Fund Appropriations Related to TANF/SSBG Shift

Agency	FY 18	FY 19
Department of Housing	3,495,579	4,660,772
Department of Social Services	1,832,777	2,443,703
Department of Children and Families	2,407,211	3,209,614
Office of Early Childhood	(7,735,567)	(10,314,089)
TOTAL	-	-

Transfer Birth to Three Funding to DSS

Personal Services	(529,169)	(529,169)
Birth to Three	(24,686,804)	(24,686,804)
Total - General Fund	(25,215,973)	(25,215,973)
Positions - General Fund	(5)	(5)

Background

The Connecticut Birth to Three System assists and strengthens the capacity of families to meet the developmental and health-related needs of their infants and toddlers who have developmental delays or disabilities. The goal of the system is to ensure that all families have equal access to a coordinated program of comprehensive services and supports that foster collaborative partnerships, are family centered, occur in natural settings, recognize current best practices in early intervention, and are built upon mutual respect and choice.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$25,215,973 and five staff in both FY 18 and FY 19 to reflect the transfer of the Birth to Three program to the Department of Social Services (DSS). Funding reflects program staff, provider contracts, as well as Medicaid related service funding. Funding of \$19,965,973 is transferred into DSS due to the net appropriation of the Medicaid account (the transfer shows Medicaid funding of \$5.25 million transferred into the DSS General Fund account, while full Medicaid funding of \$10.5 million will be distributed to providers).

Reallocate CTF Funding to Nurturing Families Network

Children's Trust Fund	(10,230,303)	(10,230,303)
Nurturing Families Network	10,230,303	10,230,303
Total - General Fund	-	-

Governor

Reallocate funding of \$10,230,303 in both FY 18 and FY 19 from Children's Trust Fund to the new Nurturing Families Network (NFN) account. NFN is the only remaining program under the Children's Trust Fund as policy actions eliminate the other previously funded programs.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19

Reallocate School Readiness Quality Enhancement Funding

Child Care Quality Enhancements	4,047,742	4,047,742
School Readiness Quality Enhancement	(4,047,742)	(4,047,742)
Total - General Fund	-	-

Governor

Reallocate funding of \$4,047,742 in both FY 18 and FY 19 from School Readiness Quality Enhancement to Child Care Quality Enhancements to consolidate quality enhancement funding.

Reallocate Personal Services to Other Expenses

Personal Services	(100,000)	(100,000)
Other Expenses	100,000	100,000
Total - General Fund	-	-

Governor

Reallocate funding of \$100,000 in both FY 18 and FY 19 from Personal Services to Other Expenses for anticipated expenditure requirements.

Annualize FY 17 Holdbacks

Personal Services	(497,359)	(497,359)
Other Expenses	(9,640)	(9,640)
Children's Trust Fund	(113,207)	(113,207)
Birth to Three	(740,604)	(740,604)
Community Plans for Early Childhood	(107,981)	(107,981)
Improving Early Literacy	(142,500)	(142,500)
Evenstart	(13,537)	(13,537)
Head Start Services	(172,324)	(172,324)
Child Care Quality Enhancements	(86,823)	(86,823)
Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership	(34,971)	(34,971)
School Readiness Quality Enhancement	(125,188)	(125,188)
Total - General Fund	(2,044,134)	(2,044,134)

Background

The Governor implemented FY 17 holdbacks totaling \$149.5 million. The Governor's FY 18 and FY 19 Budget annualizes \$81.7 million of FY 17 holdbacks in FY 18 and \$81.8 million in FY 19 across various agencies.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2,044,134 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to annualize FY 17 holdbacks.

Current Services

Update Current Services- Birth to Three

Birth to Three	740,604	740,604
Total - General Fund	740,604	740,604

Background

The Birth to Three account is projecting a shortfall of \$8.1 million in FY 17. This is primarily due to a continuation of the FY 16 deficiency (\$6.3 million) as well as an increase in enrollment and the number of children who require more intensive services (\$1.8 million).

Governor

Provide funding of \$740,604 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements under the Birth to Three program.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19

Increase Staff for Federal Background Check Requirements

Personal Services	100,000	100,000
Total - General Fund	100,000	100,000
Positions - General Fund	3	3

Governor

Provide funding of \$100,000 and three positions in both FY 18 and FY 19 associated with child care provider background checks.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19
FY 17 Appropriation - GF	293,800,629	293,800,629
Policy Revisions	(44,747,211)	(52,525,733)
Current Services	840,604	840,604
Total Recommended - GF	249,894,022	242,115,500

Positions	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19
FY 17 Appropriation - GF	116	116
Policy Revisions	(5)	(5)
Current Services	3	3
Total Recommended - GF	114	114

State Library CSL66000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 16	Appropriation FY 17	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 18
			FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	
General Fund	55	55	55	55	55	55	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 16	Appropriation FY 17	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 18
			FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	
Personal Services	5,154,892	5,070,637	5,070,637	5,070,637	5,019,931	5,019,931	(1.00)
Other Expenses	598,845	439,868	439,868	439,868	426,673	426,673	(3.00)
Other Current Expenses							
State-Wide Digital Library	1,697,270	1,767,871	1,767,871	1,767,871	1,750,193	1,750,193	(1.00)
Interlibrary Loan Delivery Service	279,431	284,774	284,774	284,774	276,232	276,232	(3.00)
Legal/Legislative Library Materials	671,062	747,263	747,263	747,263	638,378	638,378	(14.57)
Computer Access	152,637	90,000	90,000	90,000	-	-	(100.00)
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Support Cooperating Library Service Units	185,844	190,000	190,000	190,000	184,300	184,300	(3.00)
Grant Payments to Local Governments							
Grants To Public Libraries	179,396	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
Connecticard Payments	837,540	806,000	806,000	806,000	-	-	(100.00)
Connecticut Humanities Council	1,762,129	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
Agency Total - General Fund	11,519,046	9,396,413	9,396,413	9,396,413	8,295,707	8,295,707	(11.71)
Additional Funds Available							
Federal Funds	2,073,845	2,117,000	2,117,000	2,117,000	2,117,000	2,117,000	-
Private Contributions & Other Restricted	803,988	825,000	825,000	825,000	825,000	825,000	-
Private Contributions	155,494	180,000	180,000	180,000	180,000	180,000	-
Agency Grand Total	14,552,373	12,518,413	12,518,413	12,518,413	11,417,707	11,417,707	(8.79)

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19

Policy Revisions

Eliminate Funding for the Connecticard Program

Connecticard Payments	(781,820)	(781,820)
Total - General Fund	(781,820)	(781,820)

Background

The Connecticard program, now known as "borrowIT CT," allows Connecticut residents to borrow materials from any of the 192 public libraries that participate. Grant payments are made annually. One-half of the total funds appropriated is used to reimburse participating libraries for all reported borrowIT CT loans. The other half is used to make an additional payment to those libraries that loaned more items to non-residents than their resident card holders borrowed from public libraries in other towns.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$781,820 in both FY 18 and FY 19.

Annualize FY 17 Holdbacks

Personal Services	(50,706)	(50,706)
Other Expenses	(13,195)	(13,195)
State-Wide Digital Library	(17,678)	(17,678)
Interlibrary Loan Delivery Service	(8,542)	(8,542)
Legal/Legislative Library Materials	(108,885)	(108,885)
Computer Access	(90,000)	(90,000)
Support Cooperating Library Service Units	(5,700)	(5,700)
Connecticard Payments	(24,180)	(24,180)
Total - General Fund	(318,886)	(318,886)

Background

The Governor implemented FY 17 holdbacks totaling \$149.5 million. The Governor's FY 18 and FY 19 Budget annualizes \$81.7 million of FY 17 holdbacks in FY 18 and \$81.8 million in FY 19 across various agencies.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$318,886 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to annualize FY 17 holdbacks.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19
FY 17 Appropriation - GF	9,396,413	9,396,413
Policy Revisions	(1,100,706)	(1,100,706)
Total Recommended - GF	8,295,707	8,295,707

Positions	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19
FY 17 Appropriation - GF	55	55
Total Recommended - GF	55	55

Teachers' Retirement Board

TRB77500

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 16	Appropriation FY 17	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 18
			FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	
General Fund	27	27	27	27	27	27	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 16	Appropriation FY 17	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 18
			FY 18	FY 19	FY 18	FY 19	
Personal Services	1,686,764	1,691,365	1,691,365	1,691,365	1,606,365	1,606,365	(5.03)
Other Expenses	378,944	490,868	490,868	490,868	480,060	480,060	(2.20)
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Retirement Contributions	975,578,000	1,012,162,000	1,260,000,000	1,330,000,000	882,785,617	911,476,189	(12.78)
Retirees Health Service Cost	14,566,860	14,566,860	36,379,840	42,713,544	25,354,500	29,075,250	74.06
Municipal Retiree Health Insurance Costs	5,392,897	5,392,897	6,192,897	6,192,897	4,644,673	4,644,673	(13.87)
Agency Total - General Fund	997,603,465	1,034,303,990	1,304,754,970	1,381,088,674	914,871,215	947,282,537	(11.55)

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19

Policy Revisions

Reduce Pension Funding To Reflect Town Contribution

Retirement Contributions	(407,643,383)	(420,891,811)
Total - General Fund	(407,643,383)	(420,891,811)

Background

The June 30, 2106 actuarial valuation set the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) for the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) of \$1,290,429,000 in FY 18 and \$1,332,368,000 FY 19. Payment of the full contribution is required by both statute (CGS 10-183z) and the Bond Covenant for the Pension Obligation Bonds issued pursuant to PA 07-186.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$407,643,383 in FY 18 and \$420,891,811 million in FY 19 to reflect the requirement that towns contribute one-third of the cost of the municipal share of the ADEC for the Teachers' Retirement System.

Reduce State Share of Retiree Health Service Cost

Retirees Health Service Cost	(8,451,500)	(9,691,750)
Total - General Fund	(8,451,500)	(9,691,750)

Background

The Teachers' Retirement Board (TRB) is required to offer one or more health plans to retired Teachers' Retirement System members who are participating in Medicare. The TRB health plan is funded on a self-insured basis. CGS 10-183t provides a cost sharing arrangement which requires that retirees, the state and the TRB health fund each pay one-third of the total cost for the basic plan. The TRB health fund is funded through active teachers' 1.25% contributions. For FY 16 and FY 17 the state share of the municipal subsidy was reduced to the FY 15 level of appropriation. This resulted in a state share of approximately 17% in FY 16.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$8,451,500 in FY 18 and \$9,691,750 in FY 19 for the Retirees Health Service Cost account to reflect a state share of 25%.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19

Reduce State Share of Health Insurance Subsidy

Municipal Retiree Health Insurance Costs	(1,548,224)	(1,548,224)
Total - General Fund	(1,548,224)	(1,548,224)

Background

The municipal subsidy is provided to those retirees and dependents with health insurance through their last employing board of education. The amount that eligible retirees receive is statutorily set at \$110 per month for most members and \$220 per month for members who are 65 or older, not Medicare eligible and paying more than \$220 per month for health insurance. The state is required to pay one-third of the cost of the subsidy according to CGS10 - 183t. For FY 16 and FY 17 the state share of the municipal subsidy was reduced to the FY 15 level of appropriation. This resulted in a state share of approximately 29% in FY 16.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1,548,224 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to reflect a state contribution equal to 25%. The balance of the subsidy (75%) is paid from the TRB health fund.

Annualize FY 17 Holdbacks

Personal Services	(54,657)	(54,657)
Other Expenses	(10,808)	(10,808)
Total - General Fund	(65,465)	(65,465)

Background

The Governor implemented FY 17 holdbacks totaling \$149.5 million. The Governor's FY 18 and FY 19 Budget annualizes \$81.7 million of FY 17 holdbacks in FY 18 and \$81.8 million in FY 19 across various agencies.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$65,465 in both FY 18 and in FY 19 to annualize FY 17 holdbacks.

Eliminate Funding for Vacant Position

Personal Services	(30,343)	(30,343)
Total - General Fund	(30,343)	(30,343)

Governor

Reduce funding of \$30,343 in both FY 18 and FY 19 to reflect the elimination of funding for one position that is currently vacant.

Current Services

Fully Fund Pension at Actuarially Determined Level

Retirement Contributions	278,267,000	320,206,000
Total - General Fund	278,267,000	320,206,000

Background

The Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) is funded on an actuarial basis and requires full funding of the annual required contribution. Based on the 6/30/16 valuation, the system has assets of \$16.7 billion and liabilities of \$29.8 billion resulting in an unfunded liability of \$13.2 billion and a funded ratio of 56%.

Governor

Provide funding of \$278,267,000 in FY 18 and \$320,206,000 in FY 19 to fully fund the state's annual required contribution to the TRS.

Adjust Operating Expenses to Reflect Current Requirements

Retirees Health Service Cost	19,239,140	24,200,140
Municipal Retiree Health Insurance Costs	800,000	800,000
Total - General Fund	20,039,140	25,000,140

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19

Governor

Provide funding of \$20,039,140 in FY 18 and \$25,000,140 in FY 19 in the TRB health accounts to reflect anticipated expenditure requirements. These costs reflect projected healthcare costs, enrollment trends and the statutory requirement of a 33% state share.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19
FY 17 Appropriation - GF	1,034,303,990	1,034,303,990
Policy Revisions	(417,738,915)	(432,227,593)
Current Services	298,306,140	345,206,140
Total Recommended - GF	914,871,215	947,282,537

Positions	Governor Recommended	
	FY 18	FY 19
FY 17 Appropriation - GF	27	27
Total Recommended - GF	27	27