

NEWTOWN BOE

Education Initiatives for the 2023 Legislative Session

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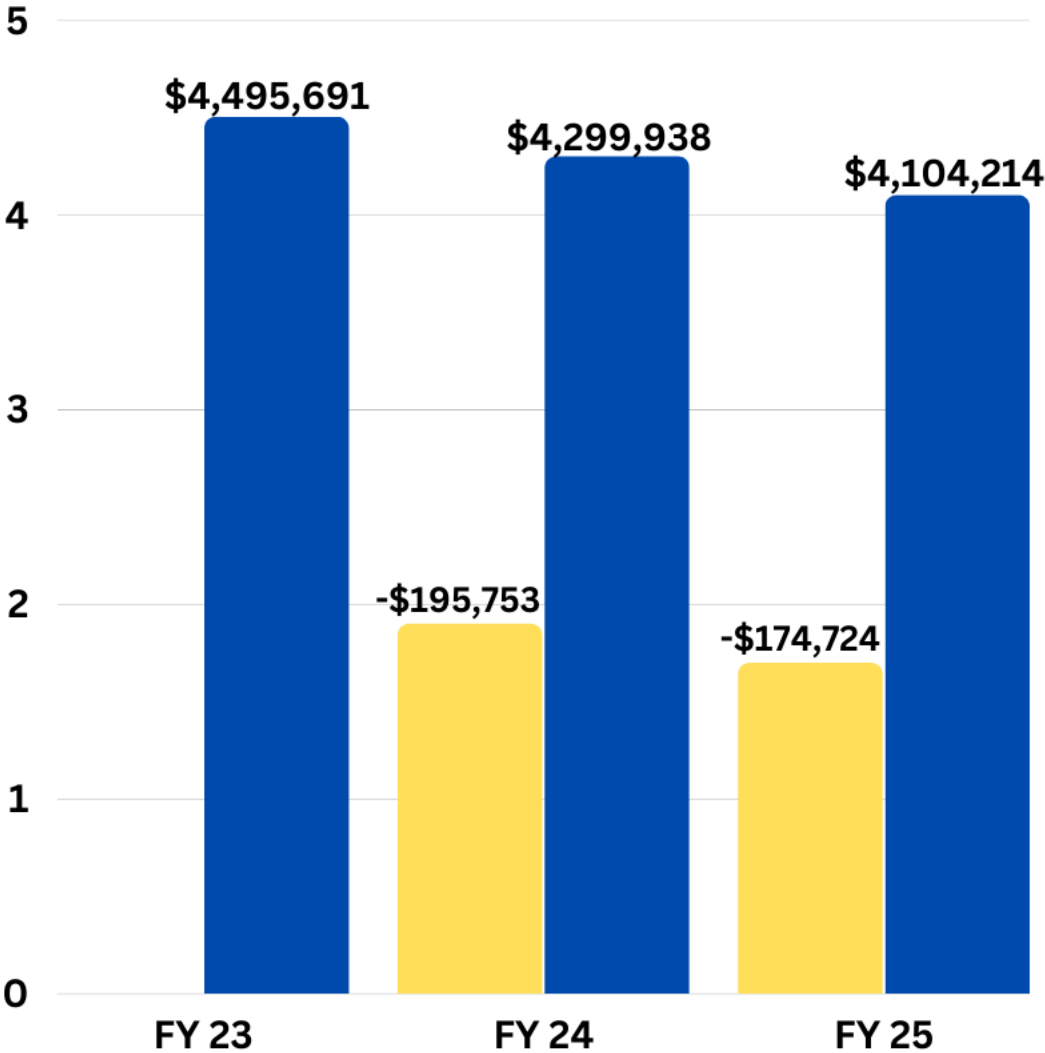
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Governor's Budget Education Cost Sharing Adjustment

No change to the formula but a reassessment of payouts to school districts was performed.

Newtown



Proposed H.B. 5003

RAISED EDUCATION BILL

AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION FUNDING IN CONNECTICUT.

Largest EDU in APPROPS and will most likely be in the 24/25 FY Budget and will be a recurring change in future budgets.

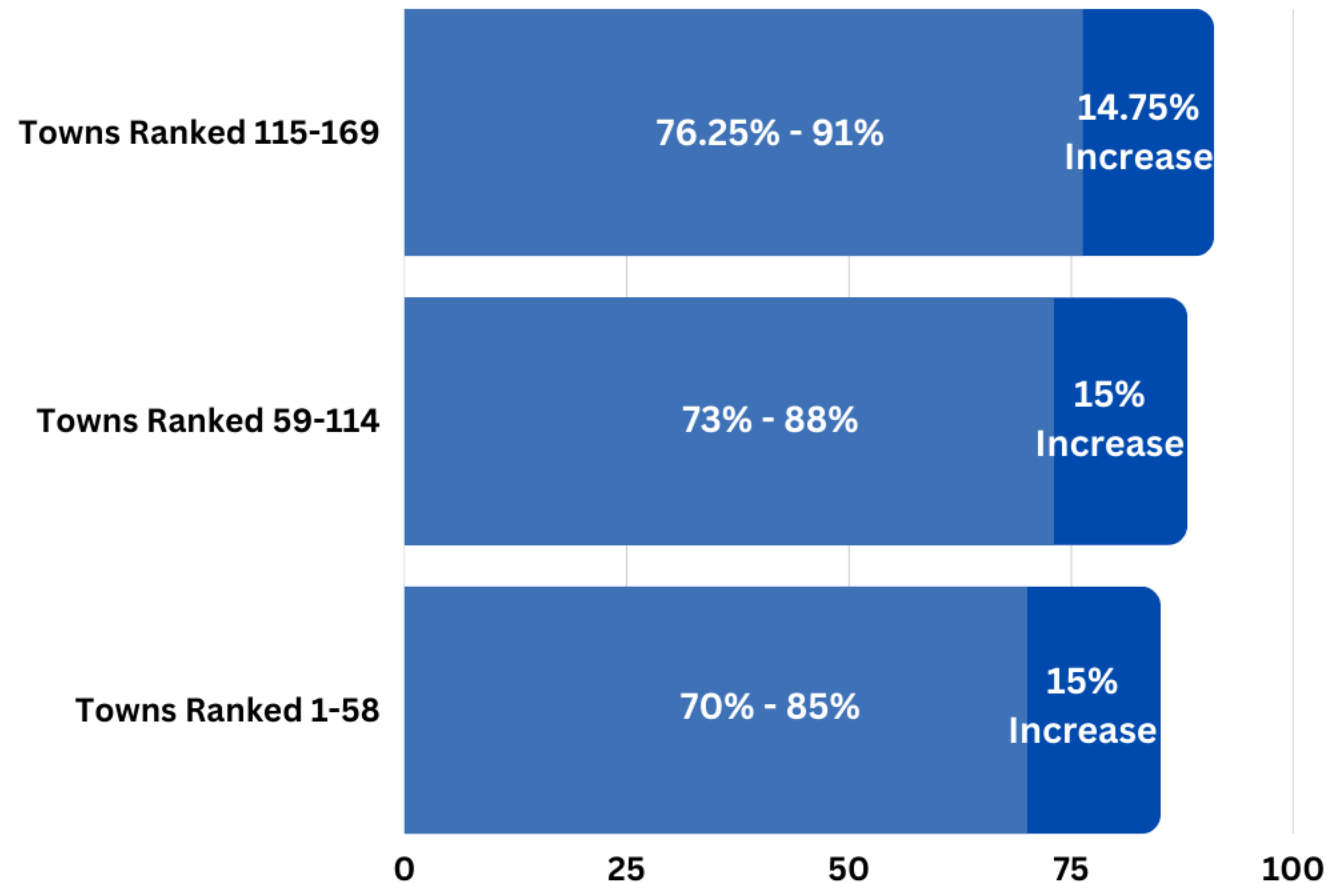
- **Fiscal note of around \$300M.**
- **Fully funds the districts that were left "underfunded", by old ECS formula, by FY 2025.**
- **Magnet school grant funding will increase due to a change in the parameters regarding student economic resources- like public schools. Making magnet school fund on par with public schools.**
- **Vo-Ag grant funding will increase due to a change in their town funding formula**
- **The ECS grant total cost will rise every year due to adjusting it for inflation.**
- **Newtown would be expected to gain ECS funding from the formula change tied to magnet schools and Vo-Ags (by about \$170,000 on initial estimates for FY 2025).**

Governor's Proposed H.B. 6662

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION.

Increases state coverage of local and regional board of education eligible excess costs if not enough is allocated in the budget for 100% funding (special education)

Will take affect FY23



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EDUCATION COMMITTEE PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Proposed H.B. 5268

An Act Concerning the Establishment of a Virtual School in Connecticut

Establish a state-wide virtual school that offers instruction to kindergarten through 12th grade inclusive of students unable to attend school in person due to medical reasons or vaccination status.

Proposed H.B. 5269

An Act Excluding Current Early Childhood Educators in School Readiness Programs from the Staff Qualifications Requirements

Exclude individuals who are currently employed as early childhood educators in a school readiness program from the staff qualification requirements and make the requirements only applicable to new early childhood educators

Proposed H.B. 5270

An Act Concerning Parental Involvement in Education

Require local or regional Board of Education curriculum materials for use in kindergarten through 12th grade available on board website and allow public comment at all regular or special board meetings.

Proposed H.B. 5274

An Act Establishing a Scope of Review Process for the Adoption of New Curriculum Guides and Materials and Providing for Legislative Appointments to the State Board of Education

- **Creates a scope of review process for adaptation of curriculum guides and materials that include public comment on newly developed curriculum guides and materials by the State Board of Education**
- **Submit curriculum guides and materials to the General Assembly for approval following public hearing on curriculum guides and materials prior to adaptation by the state board**

Right to Read

There is a waiver that allows districts to keep their current reading program. The waiver due date is February 28, 2023. Any difficulties with filling out the waivers can be directed to the State Department of Education.

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