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Dr. Tamu Lucero, Superintendent of Schools

To: Tamu Lucero, Superintendent of Schools

From: Ryan Fealey, CFO

Re: BOE Financial Update FY25

Date: November 12, 2024

Cc: Vivens Joachim

FY25 End of Year Projection

As of October 31, 2024, based on a review of areas that often impact our financial results, we project no overall variance to budget for FY25. Modest projected deficits in **510112 Admin NC Discretionary Salary, 510121 Custodial/Mech OT, 510122 Clerical OT and 540420 Repair Maintenance & Cleaning** are expected to be offset by surpluses in **550510 Pupil Transportation and 560621 Gas Heat**. See *Attachment 1* for expenditures to date and year-end projections for each account.

Staffing and Headcount (Attachment 2)

Currently, BOE staffing has 45.1 vacant FTE in the operating budget. The largest variance is in the **510101 Teacher** account (26.1), followed by the **510115 Paraeducators** account (10.0).

However, 1) we are continuing to hire; 2) new teachers awaiting certification may be entitled to retroactive wages once their certifications are issued; and 3) many classes with vacant positions are being covered by “class coverage” vouchers, meaning it is uncertain to what degree a given vacancy will translate to cost savings.

Several Special Education teacher and Paraeducator positions are being covered by contracts until the positions can be filled, meaning vacancies do not translate to budget surpluses in these accounts.

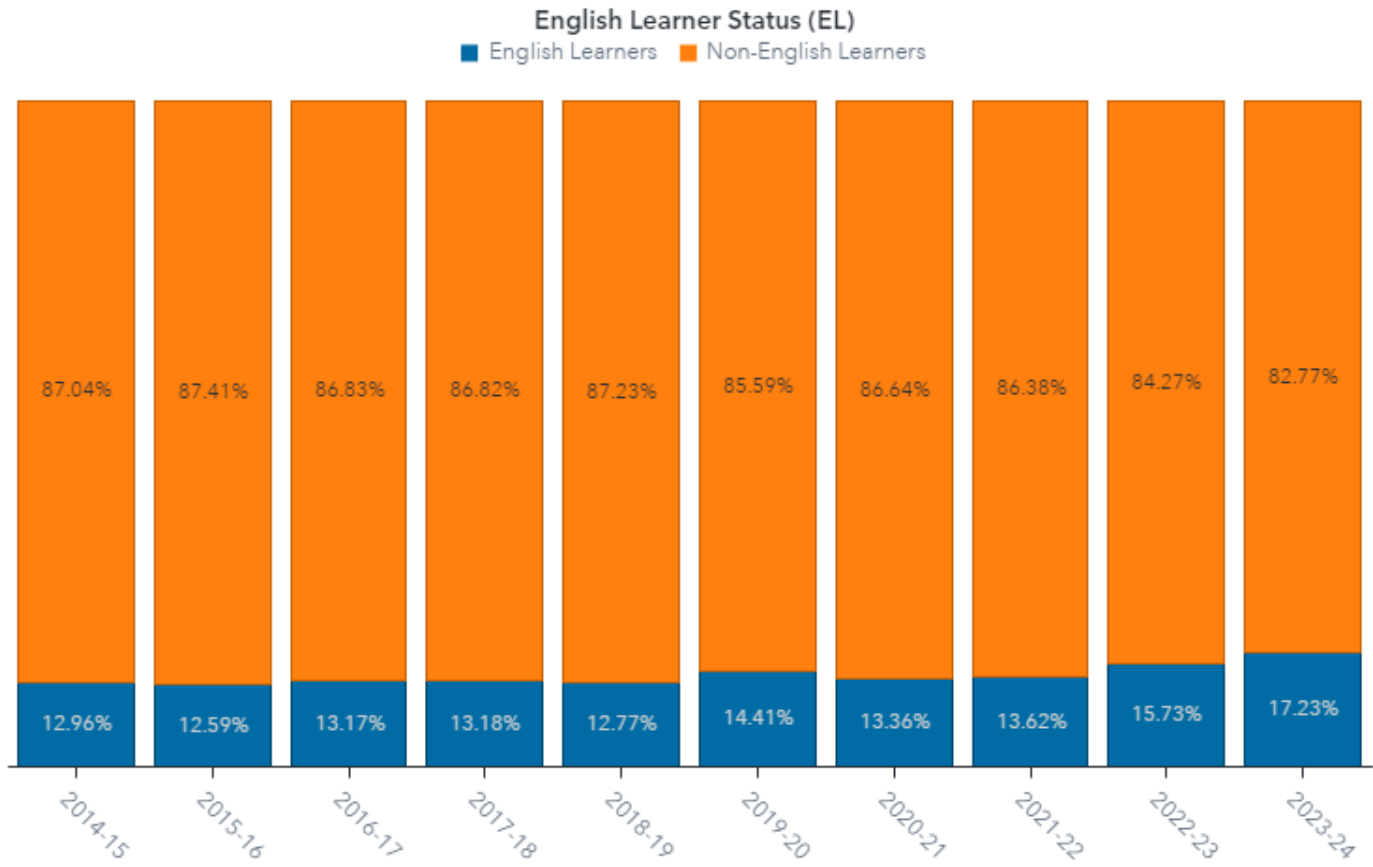
Special Education Projections (Attachment 3)

Details on Special Education tuition and programs for 2023-24 can be found in *Attachment 3*.

Multilingual Learners (Attachment 4)

The Connecticut School & State Finance Project released a Fact Sheet about the scope and funding sources for multilingual learners in the state. As of 2023-24, 17.23% of Stamford students were English learners, a 33% increase compared to 2014-15:

Stamford



Source: https://public-edsight.ct.gov/students/enrollment-dashboard?language=en_US

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	Budget	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total	SVar
Wk/Freq	52	4	5	4	5	4	4	5	4	4	4	5	4	52	
BIWk/Freq	21/26	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	26	
Accounts	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual	Proj*	Proj	Proj	Proj	Proj	Proj	Proj	Proj	Proj	Proj	Proj
550560-Tuition Special Ed SPS	19,155,975	(283,727)	280,596	3,678,879	2,196,487	197,715	1,945,000	1,945,000	1,945,000	1,945,000	1,750,000	1,450,000	2,106,025	19,155,975	0
550580-Professional Development/Conferences SPS	216,260	20,283	10,558	3,229	20,024	2,072	19,500	19,500	19,500	19,500	19,500	19,500	43,094	216,260	0
550581-Mileage Reimbursement/Travels SPS	13,750	621	243	389	1,269	624	950	950	950	950	950	950	4,904	13,750	0
550590-Other Tech Purchased Services SPS	622,125	119,987	270	0	105,204	30,630	31,000	110,000	31,000	31,000	109,000	25,034	29,000	622,125	(0)
550500 - Other Purchased Services	50,951,731	(34,011)	795,483	4,983,613	2,875,792	738,897	6,775,598	5,198,648	6,106,648	4,477,448	7,209,448	5,758,182	5,794,628	50,680,373	271,358
560611-Instructional Classroom Supplies SPS	2,711,469	36,101	583,032	423,182	224,266	17,078	118,810	220,000	221,000	221,190	218,000	207,000	221,810	2,711,469	(0)
560613-Maintenance/Janitorial Supplies SPS	481,222	31,939	51,048	48,155	81,904	21,000	26,000	25,000	48,000	43,000	28,000	37,500	39,675	481,222	0
560621-Gas Heat SPS	2,052,377	48,433	0	45,414	62,012	65,200	184,000	184,000	189,000	175,100	175,200	184,000	185,000	1,497,359	555,018
560624-Oil Heat SPS	15,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,250	0	1,250	0	1,520	0	2,900	6,920	8,080
560626-Gasoline SPS	40,750	165	207	104	305	62	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	9,500	31,344	9,406
560629-Bus Fuel Diesel SPS	1,145,000	0	0	99,169	171,823	109,500	99,500	109,500	99,500	109,500	99,500	109,500	99,500	1,106,992	38,008
560641-Textbooks/Workbooks SPS	935,877	0	6,864	344,472	191,389	2,413	45,000	75,000	45,000	75,000	45,000	75,000	30,739	935,877	(0)
560642-Library Book/Periodical SPS	41,726	529	0	5,942	5,388	0	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	13,367	41,726	0
560643-Computer AV Materials & Software SPS	1,906,141	449,048	158,804	178,606	193,825	13,970	97,500	197,500	97,500	197,500	97,500	126,888	97,500	1,906,141	0
560690-Office Supplies SPS	178,226	10,016	9,059	19,973	9,925	2,688	12,200	12,000	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500	44,365	178,226	(0)
560691-Other Supplies SPS	221,352	22,937	22,451	10,765	51,603	862	17,000	17,500	12,500	17,500	12,500	18,233	17,500	221,352	0
560600 - Supplies	9,729,140	599,169	831,465	1,175,782	992,440	232,773	607,510	846,750	734,500	859,540	697,970	778,871	761,856	9,118,627	610,513
570730-Instructional Classroom Equipment SPS	288,474	(5,075)	25,320	33,908	67,249	3,599	12,750	18,500	17,500	17,500	27,500	41,000	28,723	288,474	(0)
570739-Other Equipment SPS	747,698	4,429	45,526	24,362	108,993	1,120	24,400	24,500	42,000	54,000	145,000	175,000	98,368	747,698	(0)
570700 - Equipment	1,036,172	(647)	70,846	58,270	176,243	4,719	37,150	43,000	59,500	71,500	172,500	216,000	127,091	1,036,172	(0)
580890-Dues & Fees SPS	198,877	19,467	57,286	32,995	18,806	4,490	10,600	25,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	19,500	3,232	198,877	0
580800 - Dues/Miscellaneous	198,877	19,467	57,286	32,995	18,806	4,490	10,600	25,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	19,500	3,232	198,877	0
1000-BOE Operating Fund	330,737,756	10,509,245	11,081,767	24,979,866	26,206,342	28,764,619	33,423,974	28,599,814	29,206,091	27,341,701	30,167,427	35,643,363	44,813,119	330,737,328	428

**2024 - 2025 Stamford Public Schools Headcount
October 31, 2024**

Attachment 2

Object		2024-25 Budget	2024-25 Adj	2024-25 Oct Actual	Variance +/-	Comments
Operating	101 Teachers	1,235.8	1,230.3	1,204.2	(26.1)	4 - Special Education, 3.3 - Science, 3.7 - Math, 2.1 - Music, 1.8 - Physical Education, 1.3 - EL, 1.2 - Business, 1.1 - Social Studies, 1 - TOSA Math Elementary, 1 - School Counselor, .6 - TOSA Elementary Literacy Support, .2 - Bilingual, .2 - Art, 2 - English, 4.4 - Contingency
	102 Administrative	73.2	74.2	75.2	1.0	1 -Teacher temporary reassigned to AP at Scofield (teacher job being held in grant for their return)
	103 Teacher Support	122.5	123.0	122.0	(1.0)	1- Speech Newfield
	Total Certified	1,431.5	1,427.5	1,401.4	(26.1)	
112 Administrative - Non Certified Discretionary	18.0	18.0	14.0	(4.0)	1 - BCBA, 3 - Teacher Residence Program	
113 Administrative - Non Certified	9.0	9.0	9.0	-		
114 Clerical	78.7	78.7	76.7	(2.0)	1 - Transportation Coordinator, 1 - Secretary EL Dept	
115 Paraeducators	341.0	339.0	329.0	(10.0)	2 - New Arrivals, 8 - Special Education	
116 Custodial/Mechanics	151.0	151.0	149.0	(2.0)	1 - Dolan, 1- HVAC District Wide	
117 Other	55.0	57.0	57.0	-		
118 Parent Facilitators	23.0	23.0	22.0	(1.0)	1 - Toquam	
Total Non-Certified	675.7	675.7	656.7	(19.0)		
Total Operating Budget	2,107.2	2,103.2	2,058.1	(45.1)		
Grant	101 Teachers	204.6	208.1	196.6	(11.5)	6.9 TOSA Elementary Literacy Support (CO), 1 TOSA EL Student Support, 1 Literacy Intervention (Cloonan), 2 Science (Anchor), .3 Math (Anchor), .3 PE (Anchor)
	102 Administrative	13.6	13.6	13.6	-	
	103 Teacher Support	9.5	8.0	8.0	-	
	Total Certified	227.7	229.7	218.2	(11.5)	
112 Administrative - Non Certified Discretionary	4.0	10.0	10.0	-		
113 Administrative - Non Certified	-	-	-	-		
114 Clerical	4.4	4.4	4.4	-		
115 Paraeducators	71.0	71.0	71.0	-		
116 Custodial/Mechanics	-	-	-	-		
117 Other	-	-	-	-		
118 Parent Facilitators	-	-	-	-		
Total Non-Certified	79.4	85.4	85.4	-		
Total Grants Budget	307.1	315.1	303.6	(11.5)		
Total	101 Teachers	1,440.4	1,438.4	1,400.8	(37.6)	
	102 Administrative	86.8	87.8	88.8	1.0	
	103 Teacher Support	132.0	131.0	130.0	(1.0)	
	Total Certified	1,659.2	1,657.2	1,619.6	(37.6)	
112 Administrative - Non Certified Discretionary	22.0	28.0	24.0	(4.0)		
113 Administrative - Non Certified	9.0	9.0	9.0	-		
114 Clerical	83.1	83.1	81.1	(2.0)		
115 Paraeducators	412.0	410.0	400.0	(10.0)		
116 Custodial/Mechanics	151.0	151.0	149.0	(2.0)		
117 Other	55.0	57.0	57.0	-		
118 Parent Facilitators	23.0	23.0	22.0	(1.0)		
Total Non-Certified	755.1	761.1	742.1	(19.0)		
Total System Budget	2,414.3	2,418.3	2,361.7	(56.6)		

* Headcount includes 14 Teachers awaiting certification

Special Ed Contracted Services 2024-25

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September 30, 2024

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Approved Budget	Revised Budget	Encumbered	Projected	Comments
Assistive Technology	83,706	98,091	91,149	100,360	105,595	100,744	106,744	102,000	102,000	99,000	102,000	
ASD Classroom	0	0	0	0	0	0	908,123	0	0	0	1,772,258	Contracting with Hubbard Day and Stepping Stones
Audiology	4,690	61,740	41,500	64,970	56,935	84,000	103,090	90,720	90,720	91,250	91,250	
BCBA/ABA	1,233,308	1,288,932	736,664	876,802	1,018,102	1,057,181	502,854	561,460	561,460	774,805	774,805	Sunbelt contracts for virtual BCBA
Consulting	65,029	99,800	99,600	128,850	5,184	870	48,000	24,000	24,000	0	99,000	ESS
Educational Consulting	476,196	176,576	46,075	30,250	22,728	81,080	31,815	33,000	33,000	32,350	32,350	
IEE	189,602	184,960	75,270	76,520	122,290	70,360	149,486	150,000	150,000	45,925	150,000	
Miscellaneous	18,332	54,524	16,020	9,790	18,087	6,147	150,265	0	0	22,375	22,375	
Music/Art Therapy	26,446	88,294	67,193	112,752	111,206	130,312	158,113	167,400	167,400	0	167,400	
Nursing	272,931	216,714	154,989	119,580	115,382	235,646	303,796	445,568	445,568	643,252	643,252	4 CNA's & 3 nurses for APPLES, TEAM, and individual student need throughout district
OT/PT	1,343,617	1,560,433	1,623,057	1,684,476	1,985,346	2,334,400	2,128,812	2,263,669	2,263,669	2,270,329	2,270,329	
Professional Development	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Psychiatric	0	88,125	33,500	3,400	25,190	65,293	61,196	150,000	150,000	51,191	150,000	
Psychology	99,150	41,875	11,125	3,400	74,986	39,713	40,750	40,000	40,000	61,095	61,095	
Paras/BT's	0	0	0	0	0	0	743,738	176,475	176,475	981,500	981,500	Para support to fill vacancies & IEP need
Reading	20,060	30,013	0	21,902	0	3,900	0	0	0	0	0	
Sign Language	60,771	59,586	19,113	46,212	102,834	90,735	93,310	115,920	115,920	115,920	115,920	
Social Work	4,710	0	0	0	0	41,760	0	0	0	0	0	
Software/Program Support	142,498	117,990	98,083	121,230	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Speech & Language	509,340	807,605	452,121	284,822	358,948	374,784	244,263	230,025	230,025	242,625	242,625	
TDP Classroom (REACH)	0	684,394	1,254,038	1,513,408	1,573,644	2,094,740	1,952,248	2,695,800	2,695,800	17,200	267,200	
Transition	89,902	92,325	38,625	0	3,231	0	2,813	0	0	0	0	
Tutoring	9,050	50,186	109,355	48,813	89,803	213,169	149,720	100,000	100,000	63,505	187,150	
	4,651,338	5,802,163	4,967,477	5,247,537	5,789,491	7,024,834	7,879,134	7,346,037	7,346,037	5,512,322	8,130,509	

Contract Allocation	2017-18 Actual	2018-19 Actual	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Actual
Operating Budget	3,484,029	4,100,131	5,102,163	4,801,205	5,789,491	6,576,856	7,185,481	7,346,037
Medicaid	429,130	295,661	500,000	-	-	447,977	-	784,472
IDEA sec 611	209,190	255,546	200,000	-	-	-	693,653	-
Total	4,122,349	4,651,338	5,802,163	4,801,205	5,789,491	7,024,834	7,879,134	8,130,509

**2017-18 Operating budget total includes a credit of \$566,000 for a favorable settlement, and an accrual for \$37,012.

**Operating Budget Total includes a credit of \$446,332 originally accrued for legal expenses related to Stamford Academy & Trailblazers

Tuition Projection

October 31, 2024

204-25 Tuition Revised Budget	
Operating Budget	19,115,975
Excess Cost Grant (Estimate)	5,546,813
Total	\$24,662,788
Tuition Reserve as of 7/1/24	\$2,449,728
2024-25 Tuition Surplus/Deficit (Projected)	(\$1,536,123)
Tuition Reserve Balance (Projected) as of 6/30/25	\$913,605

	2024-25 Approved Budget	2024-25 Revised Budget	2024-25 Current	2024-25 Pending	2024-25 Projected	
Tuition Costs						
District Placements	21,120,258	21,120,258	22,893,441	754,639	23,126,316	109.50%
Agency Placements	515,314	515,314	507,066	63,383	570,449	110.70%
Settlements	2,425,942	2,425,942	990,309	955,963	1,946,272	80.23%
Other Tuition Expenses	601,274	601,274	162,796	393,078	555,874	92.45%
Total	\$24,662,788	\$24,662,788	\$24,553,612	\$2,167,063	\$26,198,911	106.23%

	2024-25 Budget	2024-25 Opening	2024-25 Current	2024-25 Pending	2024-25 Projected
Placements					
District Placements	185	151	182	4	190
Agency Placements	6	6	6	0	7
Settlements	54	22	25	3	47
Total	245	179	213	7	244

	2024-25 Current	2024-25 Projected
Average District Placement	125,788	121,717
Average Agency Placement	84,511	81,493
Average OOD Placement (weighted)	114,511	105,094

Anticipated Costs

Hospitalizations/Incarcerations	138,920
Misc tuition costs	254,158
Pending Placements (4)	377,275
New Placements thru 6/30 (4)	377,364
Pending Agency Placements (0)	0
New Agency Placements thru 6/30 (1)	63,383
Pending Settlements (3)	203,328
New Settlements thru 6/30 (19)	752,635
	2,167,063

Anticipated Benefits

Potential Transition back to District	69,300
Tuition Refunds	97,000
Tuition Refunds	105,464
Year End PO Cancellations	250,000
	521,764

Connecticut's Multilingual Learners



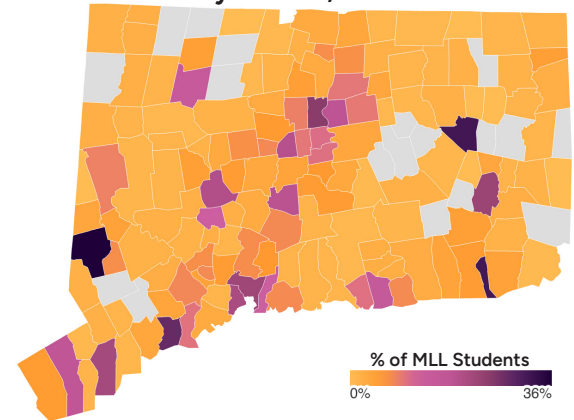
Multilingual Learner Fast Facts

- **54,078** multilingual learner students in Connecticut
- **10.6%** of students are multilingual learners
- Number of multilingual learners has grown by **34,900 students (55%)** over the past 10 years
- **145** native languages spoken by multilingual learners

Districts with the highest % of MLL students:

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|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Danbury (36%) | 5. Hartford (24.9%) | 9. West Haven (20.9%) |
| 2. Windham (31.9%) | 6. Norwich (23%) | 10. Waterbury (19.8%) |
| 3. New London (31.8%) | 7. New Haven (22.4%) | |
| 4. Bridgeport (28.3%) | 8. Norwalk (21.6%) | |

% of Multilingual Learner Students
by District, 2023-24



Funding for Multilingual Learners

STATE FUNDING SOURCES

Education Cost Sharing (ECS) Formula

- Includes a **weight for multilingual learners**
- **Increases foundation amount (\$11,525)** by (25%) for each multilingual learner student a district educates
- No requirement that funds generated by the weight be **used for educating multilingual learners**

Bilingual Education Program Grant

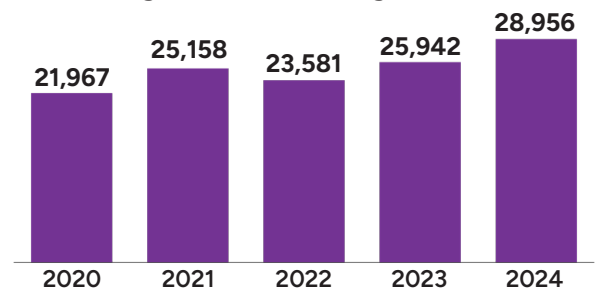
- **Allocates funding to schools** for bilingual programs
- Schools **must have 20 or more eligible multilingual learners** who speak the same language to be eligible
- **\$3.8 million is appropriated** annually to the grant
- # of students receiving funding from grant: **29,000**
- # of districts eligible for grant: **58**

FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES

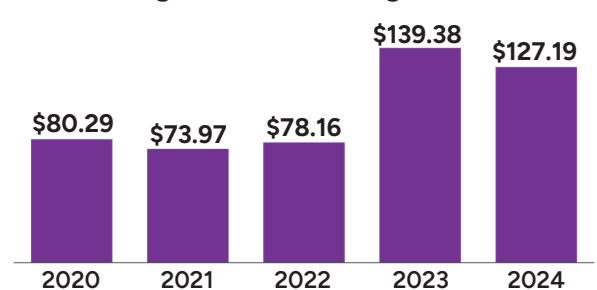
Title III

- **Created to improve and enhance educational programs** for multilingual learners and newly immigrated students
- Allocated to **each state based on its portion** of the national population of multilingual learners and immigrant children
- CT received **\$7.5 million in Title III funding** in FY 2023 for multilingual learners and immigrant students

Students Receiving Funding from the
Bilingual Education Program Grant



Funding Per Student from the
Bilingual Education Program Grant



Title III funds can be used to enhance the educational experiences of multilingual learners so they...

- Achieve high levels of English proficiency
- Reach high levels of academic achievement
- Have educators that are able to provide effective language instruction
- Have parents, families, and communities able to participate in language programs