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The Honorable Ned Lamont  
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Dear Governor Lamont:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 10-283(a)(2), please see the attached 2024 School Building Project Priority List. This Priority List includes:

- 11 new projects with combined costs of \$583,320,021 (see Section 1). The estimated new state grant obligation for these projects is \$470,235,824;
- 2 requests for reauthorization of projects with a combined increase (beyond the original commitment) of \$39,032,010 (see Section 2); and
- 1 project for which a district has requested forgiveness of a \$202,538 balance due to the State (see Addendum B)

In addition, I have included a list of the non-priority projects administratively awarded in the previous fiscal year (see Addendum A), as required by C.G.S. § 10-283(a)(2).

Under a separate cover, I am also transmitting this Priority List to the General Assembly, through the committee established to review the listing of eligible school building project grants in accordance with C.G.S. § 10-283a. Pursuant to this section, the committee may modify such Priority List and is required to submit the list as approved or modified to you and the full General Assembly prior to February 1, 2024.

Please note that there were four changes made during the 2023 legislative session that will likely result in an increase in the cost of school construction grants going forward:

- Section 42 of Public Act 23-207 allows local or regional boards of education located in an “inclusive municipality,” as determined by the Connecticut State Department of Housing (DOH), to be eligible for a five-percentage point increase to their state grant reimbursement rate for school building projects. DOH is currently developing an application for districts to complete to be considered for this increased rate. DOH will notify the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) when districts are deemed part of an “inclusive municipality,” and DAS will increase those district’s reimbursement rates accordingly. As such, projects on this Priority List could see increased rates as a result of such a determination.
- Section 118 of Public Act 23-205 allows districts to use federal funds to finance the local share of a school building project exclusively. Prior to this statutory change, the state and municipalities both received a benefit from the application of federal funds to a project. Going forward, state grants may increase, as the entire benefit from these federal funds will now be utilized to benefit the municipality by offsetting exclusively the local share.

- Section 116 of Public Act 23-205 increases the reimbursement rate range for new construction from 10 to 70 percent to 10 to 80 percent starting with the 2025 Priority List.
- Section 329 of Public Act 23-204 gives certain districts the full reimbursement rate for project elements, such as athletic facilities, that would typically otherwise be reimbursed at one-half of their full reimbursement rate.

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner

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Attachments

# 2024 School Building Project Priority List

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**GUIDE TO PROJECT NUMBERS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

**PROJECT NUMBERS**

Each project number contains the LEA Code Number, Sequential Project Number for the District and Project Type Abbreviation.

*For example:*     **034 – 0046 EA**     LEA Code Number = 034  
   Sequential Project Number = 0046  
   Project Type Abbreviation = EA

**ABBREVIATIONS**

Abbreviation	Project Types Authorized by the General Assembly
A	Alteration
A/TCH	Technology Infrastructure
DV	Diversity School
E	Extension
EA	Extension/Alteration
MAG	Interdistrict Magnet Facility
IC	Interdistrict Cooperative
N	New Construction
PF	Purchase of Facility
PS	Purchase of Site
RNV	Approved Renovation
SP	Regional Special Education
VA	Regional Vocational Agriculture Construction
VE	Regional Vocational Agriculture Equipment
VT	Connecticut Technical High School Facility

Add'l Abbreviations	Project Types Authorized by the Commissioner
BE	Board of Education/Central Administration Facility
CV	Code Violation
EC	Energy Conservation
HV	Health Violation (includes Asbestos)
IAQ*	Indoor Air Quality (*not to be confused with HVAC competitive grant)
OT	Oil Tank Replacement
RE	Relocatable Classrooms
RR	Roof Replacement

Abbreviations may be combined, except for IAQ projects that must be stand-alone. For example, “EA/RR” refers to an Extension/Alteration project with a Roof Replacement.

## SECTION 1: PRIORITY LIST PROJECTS BY CATEGORY

### DEFINITIONS OF PRIORITY CATEGORIES

*Statutory reference: C.G.S. § 10-283(a)(2)*

#### **CATEGORY A**

Create new facilities or alter existing facilities to provide for mandatory instructional programs pursuant to Chapter 173 of the Connecticut General Statutes, for physical education facilities in compliance with Title IX of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1972 where such programs or such compliance cannot be provided within existing facilities or for the correction of code violations which cannot be reasonably addressed within existing program space.

#### **CATEGORY B**

Create new facilities or alter existing facilities to enhance mandatory instructional programs pursuant to Chapter 173 of the Connecticut General Statutes or provide comparable facilities among schools to all students at the same grade level or levels within the school district unless such project is otherwise explicitly included in another category pursuant to § 10-283.

#### **CATEGORY C**

Create new facilities or alter existing facilities to provide supportive services, provided in no event such supportive services include swimming pools, auditoriums, outdoor athletic facilities, tennis courts, elementary school playgrounds, site improvement or garages or storage, parking or general recreation areas.

*\*Each of the above categories define the type of project/scope proposed by the district per Educational Specifications. The categories do not presuppose priority.*

2024 PRIORITY LIST PROJECTS

Statutory reference: C.G.S. § 10-283(a)(2)

**CATEGORY A**

**SUMMARY OF PROJECTS**

District / Facility Name	Project Number (Type)	Estimated Project Costs	Reimbursement Rate	Estimated Grant
<b>Bristol</b> / Edgewood Pre-K Academy	24DASY017090RNV0624 (RNV)	\$16,803,560	69.64%	\$11,701,999
<b>LEARN</b> / New Early Childhood School at 51 Daniels Avenue	24DASY245090APF0624 (MAG/A/PF)	\$95,736,656	80.00%	\$76,589,325
<b>Stamford</b> / South School - Upper	24DASY135283N0624 (N)	\$85,871,466	60.00% *	\$51,522,880
<b>Stamford</b> / South School – Lower	24DASY135284N0624 (N)	\$72,463,942	60.00% *	\$43,478,365
<b>Total (4 Projects)</b>		<b>\$270,875,624</b>		<b>\$183,292,569</b>

\*Project receives statutory maximum rate of 60% under C.G.S. § 10-285a(a)(2) for towns with total populations equal to or greater than 80,000.

**PROJECT DETAILS**

**BRISTOL / EDGEWOOD PRE-K ACADEMY (RENOVATION)**

Project Number: 24DASY017090RNV0624

Projected Enrollment: **315**

Grade Range: **PK**

Projected Estimated Floor Area: **39,180 Sq. Ft.**

Total Estimated Project Cost: **\$16,803,560**

Project Summary:

This project is a renovation of the 39,180-square-foot Edgewood School. This facility has undergone previous upgrades and changes throughout the years. The renovated space will now house the district’s Pre-Kindergarten Program. Spaces for 315 Pre-K students will include 12 – 14 classrooms, Special Education spaces, Small Group rooms, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy suites, a Media center, Arts and Music rooms, a Physical Education space, Food Services, and Administration.

The building systems will be upgraded to meet high-performance standards and be state-of-the-art, including air conditioning and high-efficiency heating. Technology will be upgraded to allow staff and students the most up-to-date materials and systems.

**LEARN / THE NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL AT 51 DANIELS AVENUE  
(MAGNET/ALTERATION/PURCHASE OF FACILITY)**

Project Number: 24DASY245090MAGAPF

Projected Enrollment: **574**

Grade Range: **Pre-K - 2**

Projected Estimated Floor Area: **89,035 Sq. Ft.**

Total Estimated Project Cost: **\$95,736,656**

**Project Summary:**

The project consists of LEARN purchasing the Daniels Avenue school site from the Town of Waterford and, through alteration, creating a Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade program. The building will consist of Infant/Toddler rooms, Pre-Kindergarten rooms Kindergarten Rooms, Grades 1 through 2 classrooms, an Occupational / Physical Therapy Room, a Special Education Classroom, a Gymnasium area, Multi-Purpose Room with Stage/Performance Platform, Library/Media Center, Cafeteria/Food Service area, Family Resource Center, Playgrounds and Ball Fields, Creativity and Innovation Spaces, Science, and Build Areas with materials and Administration. The building systems will meet high-performance standards and be state-of-the-art, including air conditioning and high-efficiency heating. Technology will be installed to allow staff and students the most up-to-date materials and systems.

**STAMFORD / SOUTH SCHOOL – UPPER (NEW)**

Project Number: 24DASY135283N062

Projected Enrollment: **473**

Grade Range: **5 – 8**

Projected Estimated Floor Area: **78,518 Sq. Ft.**

Total Estimated Project Cost: **\$85,871,466**

**Project Summary:**

This project is for a new 78,518-square foot upper grades school. South School – Upper shall house 5th – 8th Grade students. The facility shall consist of 16 Core Classrooms, Science Labs, Academic Support, Visual Art, Music & Performing Arts, Platform/Stage, Special Education, Library / Media Center, Food Service, Physical Education, Administration, Nurse’s Suite, School-Based Health Clinic, and Building Support.

The building systems will meet high-performance standards and be state-of-the-art including air conditioning and high efficiency heating. Technology will be installed to allow staff and students the most up-to-date materials and systems.

**STAMFORD / SOUTH SCHOOL – LOWER (NEW)**

Project Number: 24DASY135284N062

Projected Enrollment: **591**

Grade Range: **K – 4**

Projected Estimated Floor Area: **70,920 Sq. Ft.**

Total Estimated Project Cost: **\$72,463,942**

**Project Summary:**

This project is for a new 71,920-square foot lower grades school. South School shall house K – 4th Grade students. The facility shall consist of 27 classrooms, Academic Support, Arts, Special Education, Library/Media Center, Food Service, Physical Education, Administration, and Building Support.

The building systems will meet high-performance standards and be state-of-the-art, including air conditioning and high efficiency heating. Technology will be installed to allow staff and students the most up-to-date materials and systems.



## CATEGORY B

### SUMMARY OF PROJECTS

District / Facility Name	Project Number (Type)	Estimated Project Costs	Reimbursement Rate	Estimated Grant
Bristol / Bristol Central High School Culinary Arts	24DASY017091A0624 (A)	\$1,426,955	69.64%	\$993,731
Bristol / Bristol Eastern High School Culinary Arts	24DASY017092A0624 (A)	\$1,448,285	69.64%	\$1,008,586
Danbury / Danbury High School	24DASY034154A0624 (A)	\$16,500,000	63.21%	\$10,429,650
Hartford / Montessori Magnet at Batchelder	24DASY064322RNV0624 (RNV)	\$102,569,302	95.00% *	\$97,440,837
Hartford / S.A.N.D. Elementary School	24DASY064323RNV0624 (RNV)	\$82,837,086	95.00% *	\$78,695,232
Hartford / Maria C. Colón Sánchez Elementary School	24DASY064324RNV0624 (RNV)	\$96,945,196	95.00% *	\$92,097,936
Newington / John Wallace Middle School	24DASY094112AB0624 (RNV)	\$10,717,573	58.57%	\$6,277,283
<b>Total (7 Projects)</b>		<b>\$312,444,397</b>		<b>\$286,943,255</b>

\*This special rate was granted by the Connecticut General Assembly in P.A. 19-1, Section 11, as amended by P.A. 22-118, Section 399, for certain school projects related to the implementation of Hartford's District Model for Excellence Restructuring Recommendations and School Closures for which applications are submitted prior to June 30, 2024.

### PROJECT DETAILS

#### BRISTOL / BRISTOL CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL - CULINARY ARTS (ALTERATION)

Project Number: 24DASY017091A0624

Projected Enrollment: **1,224**

Grade Range: **9 – 12**

Projected Estimated Floor Area: **1,965 Sq. Ft.**

Total Estimated Project Cost: **\$1,426,955**

Project Summary:

By reconfiguring the old Home Economics space, the district will construct a new Culinary Arts program. Bristol Public Schools is focusing on new and innovative programs for high school students. These program initiatives prepare students for work life and expose them to unique vocational experiences. The priority curriculum is the Culinary Arts. The plan is to renovate the existing space to accommodate the school's Culinary Arts Curriculum.

This includes professional equipment, cooking stations, teaching laboratories, storage, utilities, ventilation, and fire suppression.

**BRISTOL / BRISTOL EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL - CULINARY ARTS (ALTERATION)**

Project Number: 24DASY017092A0624

Projected Enrollment: **1,258**

Grade Range: **9 – 12**

Projected Estimated Floor Area: **2,062 Sq. Ft.**

Total Estimated Project Cost: **\$1,448,285**

**Project Summary:**

By reconfiguring the old Home Economics space, the district will construct a new Culinary Arts program. Bristol Public Schools is focusing on new and innovative programs for high school students. These program initiatives prepare students for work life and expose them to unique vocational experiences. The priority curriculum program is Culinary Arts. The plan is to renovate the existing space to accommodate the school’s Culinary Arts Curriculum. This includes professional equipment, cooking stations, teaching laboratories, storage, utilities, ventilation, and fire suppression.

**DANBURY / DANBURY HIGH SCHOOL (ALTERATION)**

Project Number: 24DASY034154A0624

Projected Enrollment: **3,844**

Grade Range: **9 – 12**

Projected Estimated Floor Area: **28,400 Sq. Ft.**

Total Estimated Project Cost: **\$16,500,000**

**Project Summary:**

This project is for updating and reconfiguring the science labs at Danbury High School on the 4th and 5th floors of the C Building. Other interior spaces will also be affected, including the associated prep rooms, work rooms, and storage areas for each lab, and modifications to classroom doors as needed to comply with code requirements. All labs will be abated, including new code-compliant doors. New equipment for both the labs and the prep rooms will be included.

**HARTFORD / MARIA C. COLÓN SÁNCHEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (RENOVATION)**

Project Number: 24DASY064324RNV0624

Projected Enrollment: **317**

Grade Range: **PK – 5**

Projected Estimated Floor Area: **99,598 Sq. Ft.**

Total Estimated Project Cost: **\$96,945,196**

**Project Summary:**

This project is for the complete renovation of Maria C. Colón Sánchez Elementary School (originally constructed in 1991). All interiors and building systems will be renovated to “like new” condition. Features of the renovated Sánchez facility will highlight the following: instructional spaces, flexible seating designs, and renovation of the existing auditorium and associated spaces. The project will include design of an additional structure with compliance with current building, fire safety, high-performance building, and accessibility codes. This includes

HVAC, Technology, and fire suppression. Outdoor spaces will be renewed. Roofing will include future photovoltaic panels and systems.

### **HARTFORD / MONTESSORI MAGNET AT BATCHELDER (RENOVATION)**

Project Number: 24DASY064322RNV0624

Projected Enrollment: **429**

Grade Range: **PK – 6**

Projected Estimated Floor Area: **98,786 Sq. Ft.**

Total Estimated Project Cost: **\$102,569,302**

#### **Project Summary:**

This project is for the complete renovation of Montessori Magnet at Batchelder. All interiors and building systems will be renovated to “like new” condition. Features of the renovated Montessori Magnet at Batchelder School facility will highlight the following: instructional spaces, flexible seating designs, renovation of classroom facilities to allow for in- class dining, renovation of the existing auditorium stage area, and associated music spaces.

Design of a single or multistory structure with compliance to a current building, fire safety, high- performance building, and accessibility codes. Current educational technologies (voice, data, wireless data, and video) will be incorporated, and will anticipate the addition of future technologies and maximizing the use of natural lighting as appropriate to the programmatic use of the space. Utilization of energy-efficient materials and systems, including full air conditioning (HVAC) and installation of a roof-mounted Solar Photovoltaic System. Outdoor spaces will be renewed.

### **HARTFORD / S.A.N.D. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (RENOVATION)**

Project Number: 24DASY064323RNV0624

Projected Enrollment: **276**

Grade Range: **PK – 5**

Projected Estimated Floor Area: **74,450 Sq. Ft.**

Total Estimated Project Cost: **\$82,837,086**

#### **Project Summary:**

This project is for the complete renovation of S.A.N.D. Elementary School. All interiors and building systems will be renovated to “like new” condition. Features of the renovated S.A.N.D. facility will highlight the following: instructional spaces, unified arts spaces, flexible seating designs, and renovation of the existing auditorium and associated spaces. The project includes an additional structure with compliance with current building, fire safety, high-performance building, and accessibility codes. This includes HVAC, technology, and fire suppression. Outdoor spaces will be renewed. Roofing will include future photovoltaic panels and systems.

### **NEWINGTON / JOHN WALLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL (RENOVATION)**

Project Number: 24DASY094112AB0624

Projected Enrollment: **651**

Grade Range: **6P – 8**

Projected Estimated Floor Area: **26,750 Sq. Ft.**

Total Estimated Project Cost: **\$10,717,573**

#### **Project Summary:**

This project is Phase 1 of a 3-phase project at John Wallace Middle School. This project is to revitalize wings 3, 4, and 6 of the school. These areas house grades 6, 7, and 8. The interior space will be demolished and rebuilt in a

different configuration. The scope of work includes HVAC, electrical, roofing, correcting/remediating any building code violations, and upgrading security in these wings, including new security doors. The project will eliminate exterior corridors to increase each classroom size. Technology will also be upgraded in all wings.

## **CATEGORY C**

**[NO PROJECTS UNDER THIS CATEGORY FOR THIS PRIORITY LIST.]**

SUMMARY OF PRIORITY LIST PROJECTS BY PROJECT TYPE

No. of Projects	Project Type	Estimated Project Costs	Estimated Grant Obligation
2	New Construction (N)	\$158,335,408	\$95,001,245
3	Alteration (A)	\$19,375,240	\$12,431,967
5	Renovation (RNV)	\$309,872,717	\$286,213,287
1	Combined Alteration/Purchase of Facility (A/PF)	\$95,736,656	\$76,589,325
<b>11</b>	<b>(Total)</b>	<b>\$583,320,021</b>	<b>\$470,235,824</b>

SUMMARY OF PRIORITY LIST PROJECTS BY SCHOOL TYPE

No. of Projects	Building Type	Estimated Project Costs	Estimated Grant Obligation
1	Pre-K School	\$16,803,560	\$11,701,999
3	Elementary School	\$252,246,224	\$214,271,533
2	Middle School	\$96,589,039	\$57,800,163
2	Magnet School	\$198,305,958	\$174,030,162
3	High School	\$19,375,240	\$12,431,967
<b>11</b>	<b>(Total)</b>	<b>\$583,320,021</b>	<b>\$470,235,824</b>

**SECTION 2: REQUESTS FOR REAUTHORIZATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED GRANTS**

**SUMMARY OF REQUESTS FOR REAUTHORIZATION WITH SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO COST OR SCOPE**

*Statutory reference: C.G.S. § 10-283(a)(2)*

**PROJECTS SEEKING FIRST REAUTHORIZATION**

<b>District / Facility Name (Project Number)</b>	<b>A – Original Grant Commitment</b>	<b>B – Increase in Costs per DAS-1049R</b>	<b>C – Reimbur sement Rate</b>	<b>D – Requested Incr ease to Grant Commitment (B * C)</b>	<b>Total Grant Commitment if Increase Authorized (A + D)</b>
Hartford / Betances Learning Lab Magnet School (21DASY064316RNV0621 RNV)	\$41,524,285	\$23,115,426	95.00% *	\$21,959,655	\$63,483,940
Hartford / Fred D. Wish Museum School (21DASY064318RNV0621 New)	\$46,854,000	\$17,970,900	95.00% *	\$17,072,355	\$63,926,355
<b>Total (2 Projects)</b>	<b>\$88,378,285</b>	<b>\$41,086,326</b>		<b>\$39,032,010</b>	<b>\$127,410,295</b>

\*This special rate was granted by the Connecticut General Assembly in P.A. 19-1, Section 11, as amended by P.A. 22-118, Section 399, for certain school projects related to the implementation of Hartford’s District Model for Excellence Restructuring Recommendations and School Closures for which applications are submitted prior to June 30, 2024.

**HARTFORD / BETANCES LEARNING LAB MAGNET SCHOOL (RENOVATION)**

Project Number: 21DASY064316RNV0621

Priority List: **December 15, 2020**

Reimbursement Rate: **95.00%**

Initial Est. Total Project Costs: **\$43,709,774**

Revised Est. Total Project Costs (DAS-1049R): **\$66,825,200**

Est. Total Grant – Authorized: **\$41,524,285**

Est. Total Grant – Requested: **\$63,483,940**

**Project Summary:**

The project is to renovate the existing school to address long-term facility issues. The auditorium will be retained and renovated with new seating, sound and lighting systems, and storage spaces. The existing gymnasium and cafeteria will be retained and renovated. All classrooms, new media center, and music and art rooms will be designed for 21st-century learning. All building systems will be updated for compliance with building, fire safety, and accessibility codes and high-performance building standards. The fully air-conditioned building will be made more energy efficient by replacing all light fixtures, windows, plumbing fixtures, and mechanical systems. The renovated building will include a new elevator and will update entrances and exits to be ADA-compliant.

**Nature of Change:**

Increased construction costs in industry due to inflation.

**HARTFORD / FRED D. WISH MUSEUM SCHOOL (NEW)**

Project Number: 21DASY064318RNV0621

Priority List: **December 15, 2020**

Reimbursement Rate: **95.00%**

Initial Est. Total Project Costs: **\$49,320,000**

Revised Est. Total Project Costs (DAS-1049R): **\$67,290,900**

Est. Total Grant – Authorized: **\$46,854,000**

Est. Total Grant – Requested: **\$63,926,355**

**Project Summary:**

Originally, this project was to renovate the existing neighborhood school serving Pre-Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students. The current Wish Museum School is located on the site of the Hartford Circus Fire Memorial, dedicated to the tragedy that occurred on July 6, 1944. The proposal will include differentiated instructional spaces and will consist of two Pre-Kindergarten classrooms and three classrooms for each grade level from Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. The cafeteria, gymnasium, and associated spaces will include lighting, seating, sound systems, a projection screen, and improved acoustics. All building systems will be constructed in compliance with building, fire safety, and accessibility codes and high-performance building standards. An elevator will be added to assist students and staff with disabilities. Energy-efficient materials and systems will be installed, including full central air-conditioning.

**Nature of Change:**

The scope of this project is changing from renovation to new construction.

**SECTION 3: SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF PREVIOUS PRIORITY LISTS**

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
2024 SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT PRIORITY CATEGORY LIST  
SECTION 3  
Summary Analysis of Previous Priority Lists  
December 15, 2023**

**Current List:**

	# of Projects	Estimated Project Costs	%	Estimated Grant Obligation
<b>2023/2024</b>				
Category A	4	\$270,875,624	46.44%	\$183,292,569
Category B	7	\$312,444,397	53.56%	\$286,943,255
Category C	0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
A, B & C Total	11	\$583,320,021		\$470,235,824
Supplemental Cost Increases	2	\$41,086,326		\$39,032,010
Supplemental Forgiveness	1	\$202,538		\$202,538
<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$624,608,885</b>		<b>\$509,470,372</b>

**Priority Lists Authorized For the Past Five Years:**

	# of Projects	Estimated Project Costs	%	Estimated Grant Obligation
<b>2022/2023</b>				
Category A	7	\$534,751,782	43.28%	\$266,607,172
Category B	10	\$477,817,821	38.67%	\$354,932,368
Category C	3	\$3,593,549	0.29%	\$1,079,726
Legislative Additions to PL	4	\$204,646,691	16.56%	\$161,124,853
Cost Increases Added by Legislature	2	\$14,795,317	1.20%	\$12,670,629
A, B, C & Leg Additions Total	26	\$1,235,605,160		\$796,414,748
Section 2 (Reauthorization)	2	\$53,075,064		\$37,610,051
Section 2 Added by Legislature	3	\$112,413,300		\$109,093,300
Increases Added by Legislature	8	\$90,000,000		\$111,807,775
<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>\$1,491,093,524</b>		<b>\$1,054,925,874</b>

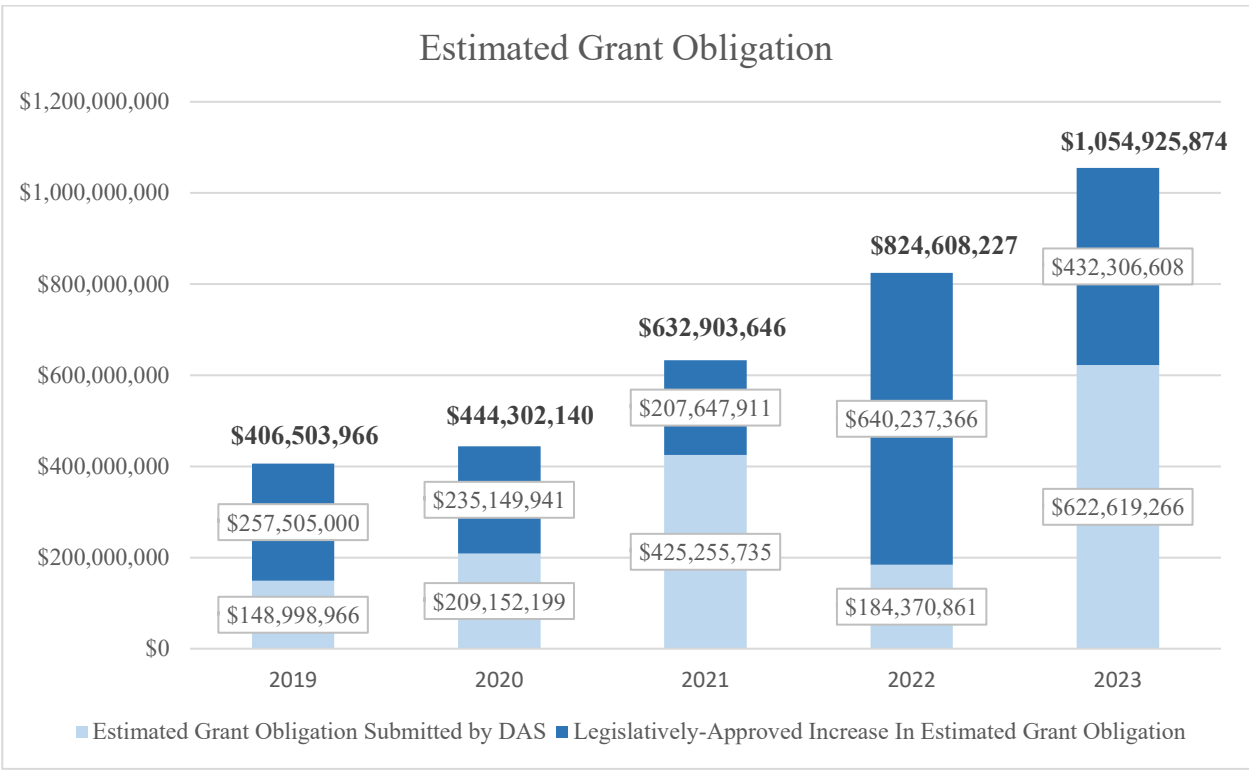
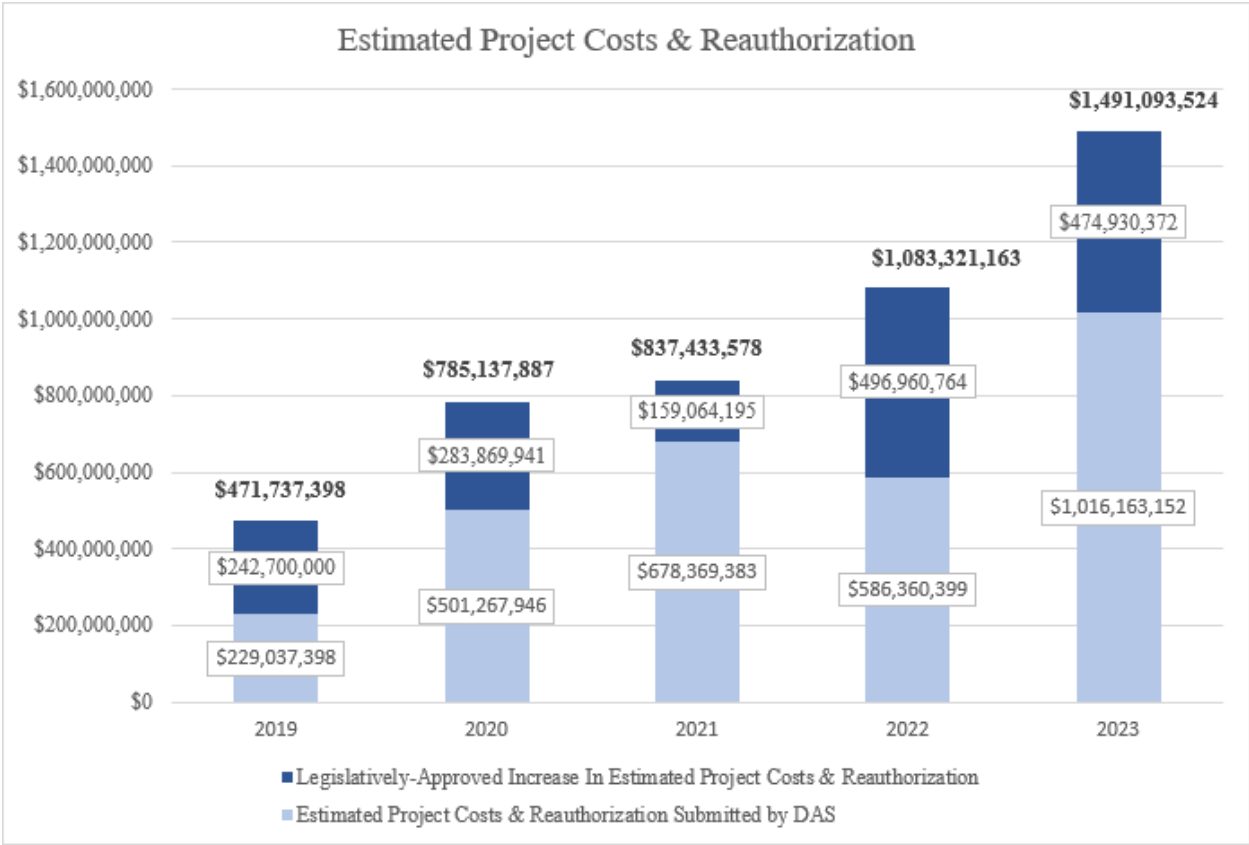


	# of Projects	Estimated Project Costs	Estimated Grant Obligation
<b>2021/2022</b>			
Category A	3	\$389,604,871	\$245,850,873
Category B	6	\$105,739,534	\$60,836,356
Category C	0	\$0	\$0
Legislative Additions to PL	6	\$405,242,274	\$355,950,274
A, B, C & Leg Additions Total	15	\$900,586,679	\$662,637,503
Section 2 (Reauthorization)	1	\$59,552,805	\$59,552,805
Section 2 Added by Legislature	7	\$69,315,027	\$61,257,923
Cost Increases Added by Legislature	2	\$53,866,652	\$41,159,996
<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>\$1,083,321,163</b>	<b>\$824,608,227</b>

	# of Projects	Estimated Project Costs	Estimated Grant Obligation
<b>2020/2021</b>			
Category A	5	\$368,121,316	\$223,065,088
Category B	10	\$269,588,767	\$205,139,485
Category C	0	\$0	\$0
Legislative Additions to PL	1	\$55,000,000	\$52,250,000
A, B, C & Leg Additions Total	16	\$692,710,083	\$480,454,573
Section 2 (Reauthorization)	2	\$119,723,495	\$111,445,262
Cost Increases Added by Legislature	1	\$25,000,000	\$41,003,811
<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$837,433,578</b>	<b>\$632,903,646</b>

	# of Projects	Estimated Proj. Costs	Estimated Grants
<b>2019/2020</b>			
Category A	6	\$355,063,446	\$138,930,957
Category B	6	\$146,204,500	\$77,901,242
Category C	0	\$0	\$0
Legislative Additions to PL	1	\$282,000,000	\$225,600,000
A, B, C & Leg Additions Total	13	\$783,267,946	\$442,432,199
Cost Increases Added by Legislature	1	\$1,869,941	\$1,869,941
<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$785,137,887</b>	<b>\$444,302,140</b>

	# of Projects	Estimated Project Costs	Estimated Grant Obligation
<b>2018/2019</b>			
Category A	4	\$227,567,117	\$159,840,427
Category B	4	\$1,470,281	\$658,539
Category C	0	\$0	\$0
Legislative Additions to PL	2	\$196,700,000	\$186,865,000
A, B, C & Leg Additions Total	10	\$425,737,398	\$347,363,966
Cost Increases Added by Legislature	3	\$46,000,000	\$59,140,000
<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$471,737,398</b>	<b>\$406,503,966</b>



**ADDENDUM A: NON-PRIORITY LIST PROJECTS (JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023)**

*Statutory reference: C.G.S. § 10-283(a)(2)*

<b>District / Facility Name (Project Type)</b>	<b>Estimated Project Costs</b>	<b>Reimbursement Rate</b>	<b>Estimated Grant</b>
<b>Ashford</b> / Ashford School (003-0017 CV/OT)	\$ 270,000	63.57%	\$ 171,639
<b>Bristol</b> / Chippens Hill Middle School (017-0089 CV/OT)	\$ 424,591	68.93%	\$ 292,671
<b>East Hampton</b> / East Hampton Middle School (042-0042 RR)	\$ 2,300,000	53.57%	\$ 1,232,110
<b>East Hartford</b> / Robert J. O'Brien Elementary School (043-0249 RR)	\$ 2,419,329	76.43%	\$ 1,849,093
<b>Fairfield</b> / Roger Sherman Elementary School (051-0153 RR)	\$ 1,916,647	26.07%	\$ 499,670
<b>Fairfield</b> / Riverfield Elementary School (051-0154 RR)	\$ 1,565,110	26.07%	\$ 408,024
<b>Granby</b> / Granby High School (056-0053 RR)	\$ 3,256,006	43.93%	\$ 1,430,363 *
<b>Ledyard</b> / Central Administration (072-0098 BE/RR)	\$ 463,200	30.71%	\$ 142,249
<b>Ledyard</b> / Juliet W. Long School (072-0096 RR/PV)	\$ 3,020,186	61.43%	\$ 1,855,300
<b>Ledyard</b> / Gales Ferry School (072-0097 RR/PV)	\$ 2,684,441	61.43%	\$ 1,649,052
<b>Milford</b> / Joseph A. Foran High School (084-0216 RR)	\$ 3,500,000	37.86%	\$ 1,325,100
<b>Naugatuck</b> / Andrew Ave. Elementary School (088-0076 CV)	\$ 394,227	74.64%	\$ 294,251
<b>Naugatuck</b> / City Hill Middle School (088-0077 CV)	\$ 352,487	74.64%	\$ 263,096
<b>Naugatuck</b> / Salem Elementary School (088-0078 CV)	\$ 54,506	74.64%	\$ 40,683
<b>New Britain</b> / Slade Middle School (089-0170 RR)	\$ 4,300,000	78.93%	\$ 3,393,990
<b>Rocky Hill</b> / Griswold Middle School (119-0054 RR)	\$ 2,634,637	42.14%	\$ 1,110,236
<b>South Windsor</b> / Timothy Edwards Middle School (132-0094 RR)	\$ 3,200,000	46.43%	\$ 1,485,760
<b>Southington</b> / Southington High School (131-0131 RR)	\$ 5,479,992	55.00%	\$ 3,013,996
<b>Stafford</b> / Stafford Middle School (134-0053 RR)	\$ 2,416,583	69.28%	\$ 1,674,209
<b>Stamford</b> / Stamford High School (135-0282 CV)	\$ 4,122,491	60.00% **	\$ 2,473,495
<b>Stratford</b> / Bunnell High School (138-0116 CV)	\$ 717,200	59.29%	\$ 425,228
<b>Stratford</b> / Stratford Academy - Johnson House (138-0115 CV)	\$ 1,599,239	60.00%	\$ 959,543
<b>Waterbury</b> / John F. Kennedy High School (151-0307 RR)	\$ 5,605,787	79.29%	\$ 4,444,829
<b>Waterbury</b> / Sprague Elementary School (151-0308 RR)	\$ 1,892,358	79.29%	\$ 1,500,451
<b>Waterbury</b> / B.W. Tinker Elementary School (151-0309 RR)	\$ 1,368,726	79.29%	\$ 1,085,263
<b>Total (25 Projects)</b>	<b>\$ 55,957,743</b>		<b>\$ 33,020,301</b>

\*In Section 133 of P.A. 23-205, the Connecticut General Assembly exempted this roof replacement project from, among other things, the provision in C.G.S. § 10-286(a)(6) that would have reduced the estimated grant because the roof was less than 20 years old.

\*\*Project receives statutory maximum rate of 60% under C.G.S. § 10-285a(a)(2) for towns with total populations equal to or greater than 80,000.

## ADDENDUM B: REQUEST FOR FORGIVENESS

*Statutory reference: C.G.S. § 10-283(a)(3)(A)*

### BACKGROUND

Under C.G.S. § 10-283(a)(3)(A), DAS computes the amortized value of school building grants over 10 to 20 years depending on the size of the grant. If a school for which a grant was received is no longer being used as a public school, DAS then requests a refund of the amortized balance, although the district can request forgiveness. Any requests for forgiveness must be included as an addendum to the Priority List for approval by the Connecticut General Assembly.

### REQUEST FOR FORGIVENESS

The following request was received this year:

[Enfield / Nathan Hale Elementary School \(049-0126 EA\)](#)

Nathan Hale Elementary School received a grant for \$2,554,393 on September 1, 2005, for estimated costs in the amount of \$3,845,240 at a reimbursement rate of 66.43%. DAS was notified that Nathan Hale Elementary School is under the control of the Town of Enfield as of February 6, 2023 and no longer being used as a public school. DAS requested a refund of \$202,538, the amortized balance on the previous grant, and Enfield subsequently requested forgiveness. See attached letter from Enfield Superintendent Christopher J. Drezek and Enfield Town Manager Ellen Zoppo-Sassu.



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July 17, 2023

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Department of Administrative Services  
State of Connecticut  
450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 1501  
Hartford, CT 06103

**RE: Nathan Hale School, Enfield, CT Project No. 049-0126 EA- Refund Due**

Dear Commissioner Halloran Gilman,

I'm writing on behalf of the Enfield Board of Education and the Town of Enfield regarding the refund due for the above listed project. A copy of the refund letter from your office is attached. In 2017, the Enfield Board of Education closed Nathan Hale school as a fully operating K-2 elementary school for various reasons. One being that Nathan Hale school was the smallest enrolled school in the district, resulting in extremely low-class sizes compared to other K-2 schools in the district. This did not happen by accident. The district underwent a major consolidation in 2011-2012, changing the configurations of our K-6 schools from nine K-6 elementary schools to four K-2 primary schools, three 3-5 intermediate schools, and our sixth graders joining JFK Middle school, converting our junior high school into a true middle school. This consolidation also resulted in the closure of two elementary schools, Thomas Alcorn and Harriet Beecher Stowe School (both of which have been repurposed for educational uses). Having four primary schools feeding into three intermediate schools became problematic for several reasons, the largest being equity. With Nathan Hale being the smallest school, finding resources in a tough economic climate became a constant challenge. In addition to being the smallest of our elementary schools, Nathan Hale was also the furthest school geographically from our other elementary schools, which meant that the sharing of staff and resources was extremely difficult due to the distance Nathan Hale was from our other buildings.

Another major challenge with Nathan Hale was with four primary schools feeding into three intermediate schools, Nathan Hale was our only building that didn't have a true sister school for our students. This meant that after completing second grade, most students in Nathan Hale would be separated from their classmates as they progressed to third grade, simply due to where they lived in a geographic region. As I'm sure you are aware, transitions for students are always difficult, but for second graders moving on to a new school without the benefit of familiar classmates can be a burden on students and their families. In addition to being the farthest elementary school in the district, Nathan Hale also had its share of unique challenges to its operations. Being the closest school to the prisons in the area, additional safety and security measures were required to be implemented due to the schools' locations, a task that wasn't required for our other schools. Lockdown drills in the event of a prison escape were common areas of practice that our students had to endure, unlike their colleagues in other buildings.

However, the biggest factor in the Board of Education's decision to close Nathan Hale as a fully operating elementary school was the physical condition of the building. With an already aging infrastructure, the Town of Enfield was looking at significant capital projects to continue to use the facility as a fully operating school.

With all the concerns outlined above, in addition to a major renovation on the horizon, the Board of Education made the decision to close Nathan Hale as a fully operating K-2 elementary school and to redistrict the students of Nathan Hale into our other K-2 primary schools, in return creating a true sister school environment for all our K-5 students in the district.

In 2017 when Nathan Hale closed as a fully operating K-2 school, the district continued to use the facility for educational purposes, including the storage of resources and files, as well as housing administrative functions for the district. In 2023, the Town of Enfield (which maintains all the district's facilities) was faced with a large capital investment to continue using this facility for educational purposes. Built in the 1960's, capital improvements became inevitable. Before making a large investment into a facility that no longer housed students, the Town approached the Board of Education to explore turning the facility back over the Town permanently, and the Town could explore another use or potential sale of the facility, therefore eliminating the need for a significant investment in the property. Creating the opportunity to reinvest into the districts other operating facilities. The Board of Education voted unanimously in 2023 to return Nathan Hale back to the Town, and the Enfield Town Council voted to accept the building back into the town inventory. This decision, which was made collaboratively with the Board of Education and the Town Council, was made in the best interest of the community at large, as during difficult financial times, expending millions of dollars on a capital improvement project that was not needed would have been irresponsible. After this decision, the Town has been approached by private business about acquiring this facility, which would increase the towns tax base and allow for further investment into our public schools. Since the formal turnover to the Town, the Enfield Public Schools has removed all our items remaining in the facility and have relocated them to our other school facilities.


I also believe that it's important to note that prior to any formal action on the part of the Enfield Board of Education or Enfield Town Council, I did have several communications with your office to explain what we were trying to accomplish on behalf of the Enfield Community. It was during these conversations that the process of a forgiveness waiver was introduced as a possibility, but I was informed that we would need to go through the formal transfer process before I could send this letter.

In closing, I am asking that you would consider granting the Enfield Public Schools and the Town of Enfield forgiveness of the \$202,538 refund due to the State of Connecticut for the remaining balance of the state grant for Nathan Hale elementary school. If we were to continue using this facility for educational purposes, the cost to the Enfield community would have resulted in a significant financial burden to the Town and limited the already scarce resources available to the Enfield Public Schools and our students. If you have any questions and require any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at 860-253-6530.

With appreciation,



Christopher J. Drezek  
Superintendent  
Enfield Public Schools



Ellen Zoppo-Sassu  
Town Manager  
Town Of Enfield

Cc: Jolita Lazauskas, Chief Financial Officer DAS  
Megan Andrews, DAS  
Michelle Dixon, DAS  
Tina LeBlanc, Chair – Enfield Board of Education  
Bob Cressotti, Mayor -Town of Enfield