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Connecticut Department of Education

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## **Competitive Ed Reform**

### **Education Commissioner Urges Local Districts to Join the Race to the Top**

(Hartford, Conn.) Following the passage of comprehensive school reform legislation designed to strengthen Connecticut's chances of securing federal funding, Commissioner Mark K. McQuillan is urging every school district to sign on to participate in the state's Race to the Top application which could bring in \$175 million in federal funds to help districts implement improvements to their schools.

"Much of the work will be focused at the local level, as it should be," said Commissioner McQuillan. "That is why we are directing most of our requested grant dollars to local districts. In fact, we have added another \$24 million in grants to local and regional districts to assure that every participating district will receive at least \$100,000 regardless of its size, so they can accomplish their objectives." *(See attached list of grants per district.)*

The State Department of Education will submit its application for Round II of the Race to the Top grant competition on June 1; awards will be announced in September.

If the state's application is approved, grants will range from a minimum of \$100,000 for some of the state's smallest districts and charter schools to nearly \$15 million for Hartford. The Commissioner said he is encouraging districts to join together in consortiums to pool their resources and do the work together.

Connecticut's application for federal Race to the Top funds calls for a number of school reforms including:

- Increased parent involvement with new roles for parents in governance and school improvement;
- Secondary school reform with increased graduation requirements for the class of 2018, more emphasis on math, science and world languages, a required "senior project", model curricula, end of year assessments, a student success plan and other support services to help students succeed academically;
- Expansion of charter schools and the creation of new types of schools called "Innovation Schools" that can be developed and governed locally;
- A process that will help districts develop new ways to support, supervise and evaluate teachers and principals that takes student performance into account;

- Better use of data to improve instruction through a system known as CALI – Connecticut Accountability for Learning Initiative, as well as the development of longitudinal data systems to track student performance over years;
- Statewide professional development to better equip teachers to reach all students;
- Greater emphasis on early literacy, technology training, and on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in all grades;
- Deployment of teachers to urban and rural districts that have had difficulty recruiting and retaining experienced educators;
- More opportunities for high school students to take college courses;
- Expansion of Advanced Placement courses; and
- Actions to turn around Connecticut’s lowest performing schools.

In order to strengthen Connecticut’s chances for approval, the Commissioner is asking that school districts indicate their support and participation by affixing the signatures of the superintendent of schools, the school board chair and the president of the local teachers’ association. The U.S. Department of Education has indicated that it will be looking for all three signatures when evaluating applications as a way of showing full support for the reforms. In its first round application, Connecticut secured about 60 percent of the districts in the state. Only two states were granted funding in the first round, Tennessee and Delaware, which had nearly 100 percent participation by their local districts.

School districts have until May 19<sup>th</sup> to submit their signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) indicating participation in the state’s Race to the Top application.

“These reforms are the necessary next steps Connecticut must take to bring our schools into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and to help prepare our students for success in the world economy,” said Commissioner McQuillan. The Race to the Top grant offers a great opportunity for us to begin these improvements using federal dollars when state and local resources are just not available.”

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See attached list of grant allocations in Connecticut’s Race to the Top application.

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(1) District Code	(2) District Name	Incentive Funding *	(3) 2009-10 Title I Formula Portion	Total Incentive and Formula Funding (Col 1 + Col 2)
1	Andover	100,000	4,483	104,483
2	Ansonia	140,000	586,450	726,450
3	Ashford	100,000	44,595	144,595
4	Avon	140,000	25,366	165,366
5	Barkhamsted	100,000	6,627	106,627
7	Berlin	140,000	46,829	186,829
8	Bethany	100,000	32,562	132,562
9	Bethel	140,000	51,444	191,444
11	Bloomfield	140,000	359,379	499,379
12	Bolton	140,000	0	140,000
13	Bozrah	100,000	29,468	129,468
14	Branford	140,000	278,686	418,686
15	Bridgeport	140,000	10,006,294	10,146,294
17	Bristol	140,000	1,540,679	1,680,679
18	Brookfield	140,000	40,061	180,061
19	Brooklyn	100,000	99,224	199,224
21	Canaan	100,000	11,769	111,769
22	Canterbury	100,000	77,812	177,812
23	Canton	140,000	24,352	164,352
24	Chaplin	100,000	14,306	114,306
25	Cheshire	140,000	74,953	214,953
26	Chester	100,000	4,006	104,006
27	Clinton	140,000	55,779	195,779
28	Colchester	140,000	50,673	190,673
29	Colebrook	100,000	0	100,000
30	Columbia	100,000	23,290	123,290
31	Cornwall	100,000	2,824	102,824
32	Coventry	140,000	42,313	182,313
33	Cromwell	140,000	186,950	326,950
34	Danbury	140,000	1,228,519	1,368,519
35	Darien	140,000	0	140,000
36	Deep River	100,000	156,577	256,577
37	Derby	140,000	272,365	412,365
39	Eastford	100,000	29,166	129,166
40	East Granby	140,000	15,075	155,075
41	East Haddam	140,000	40,332	180,332
42	East Hampton	140,000	41,025	181,025

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43	East Hartford	140,000	2,187,545	2,327,545
44	East Haven	140,000	509,488	649,488
45	East Lyme	140,000	48,498	188,498
46	Easton	100,000	13,217	113,217
47	East Windsor	140,000	139,454	279,454
48	Ellington	140,000	42,865	182,865
49	Enfield	140,000	702,495	842,495
50	Essex	100,000	6,559	106,559
51	Fairfield	140,000	134,202	274,202
52	Farmington	140,000	70,932	210,932
53	Franklin	100,000	4,363	104,363
54	Glastonbury	140,000	73,418	213,418
56	Granby	140,000	24,329	164,329
57	Greenwich	140,000	212,474	352,474
58	Griswold	140,000	162,665	302,665
59	Groton	140,000	573,579	713,579
60	Guilford	140,000	59,424	199,424
62	Hamden	140,000	950,743	1,090,743
63	Hampton	100,000	0	100,000
64	Hartford	140,000	14,858,962	14,998,962
65	Hartland	100,000	6,390	106,390
67	Hebron	100,000	0	100,000
68	Kent	100,000	4,382	104,382
69	Killingly	140,000	296,037	436,037
71	Lebanon	140,000	26,354	166,354
72	Ledyard	140,000	52,992	192,992
73	Lisbon	100,000	29,219	129,219
74	Litchfield	140,000	94,730	234,730
76	Madison	140,000	43,892	183,892
77	Manchester	140,000	1,438,940	1,578,940
78	Mansfield	100,000	96,164	196,164
79	Marlborough	100,000	8,892	108,892
80	Meriden	140,000	2,321,477	2,461,477
83	Middletown	140,000	608,403	748,403
84	Milford	140,000	506,966	646,966
85	Monroe	140,000	46,699	186,699
86	Montville	140,000	171,061	311,061
88	Naugatuck	140,000		665,839

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89	New Britain	140,000	4,975,903	5,115,903
90	New Canaan	140,000	41,224	181,224
91	New Fairfield	140,000	34,347	174,347
92	New Hartford	100,000	2,756	102,756
93	New Haven	140,000	9,756,817	9,896,817
94	Newington	140,000	282,829	422,829
95	New London	140,000	956,092	1,096,092
96	New Milford	140,000	69,329	209,329
97	Newtown	140,000	64,670	204,670
98	Norfolk	100,000	0	100,000
99	North Branford	140,000	34,103	174,103
100	North Canaan	100,000	7,737	107,737
101	North Haven	140,000	55,010	195,010
102	North Stonington	140,000	68,076	208,076
103	Norwalk	140,000	1,447,903	1,587,903
104	Norwich	100,000	1,057,758	1,157,758
106	Old Saybrook	140,000	60,708	200,708
107	Orange	100,000	16,715	116,715
108	Oxford	140,000	32,848	172,848
109	Plainfield	140,000	259,338	399,338
110	Plainville	140,000	254,119	394,119
111	Plymouth	140,000	132,936	272,936
112	Pomfret	100,000	14,928	114,928
113	Portland	140,000	98,271	238,271
114	Preston	100,000	14,183	114,183
116	Putnam	140,000	257,088	397,088
117	Redding	100,000	16,422	116,422
118	Ridgefield	140,000	0	140,000
119	Rocky Hill	140,000	33,096	173,096
121	Salem	100,000	7,162	107,162
122	Salisbury	100,000	47,216	147,216
123	Scotland	100,000	2,632	102,632
124	Seymour	140,000	198,165	338,165
125	Sharon	100,000	20,787	120,787
126	Shelton	140,000	122,683	262,683
127	Sherman	100,000	10,006	110,006
128	Simsbury	140,000	44,718	184,718
129	Somers	140,000	24,337	164,337

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131	Southington	140,000	128,056	268,056
132	South Windsor	140,000	59,232	199,232
133	Sprague	100,000	38,968	138,968
134	Stafford	140,000	83,827	223,827
135	Stamford	140,000	1,936,779	2,076,779
136	Sterling	100,000	47,072	147,072
137	Stonington	140,000	154,357	294,357
138	Stratford	140,000	716,149	856,149
139	Suffield	140,000	33,519	173,519
140	Thomaston	140,000	99,790	239,790
141	Thompson	140,000	90,880	230,880
142	Tolland	140,000	38,373	178,373
143	Torrington	140,000	540,327	680,327
144	Trumbull	140,000	80,983	220,983
145	Union	100,000	1,847	101,847
146	Vernon	140,000	381,683	521,683
147	Voluntown	100,000	34,791	134,791
148	Wallingford	140,000	319,424	459,424
151	Waterbury	140,000	8,816,601	8,956,601
152	Waterford	140,000	219,929	359,929
153	Watertown	140,000	52,050	192,050
154	Westbrook	140,000	19,137	159,137
155	West Hartford	140,000	682,673	822,673
156	West Haven	140,000	1,741,883	1,881,883
157	Weston	140,000	0	140,000
158	Westport	140,000	73,728	213,728
159	Wethersfield	140,000	223,520	363,520
160	Willington	100,000	38,555	138,555
161	Wilton	140,000	0	140,000
162	Winchester	100,000	169,992	269,992
163	Windham	140,000	999,710	1,139,710
164	Windsor	140,000	455,309	595,309
165	Windsor Locks	140,000	203,797	343,797
166	Wolcott	140,000	198,987	338,987
167	Woodbridge	100,000	20,493	120,493
169	Woodstock	100,000	77,606	177,606
201	District No. 1	100,000	15,437	115,437
204	District No. 4	100,000	18,292	118,292

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205	District No. 5	100,000	30,104	130,104
206	District No. 6	140,000	79,707	219,707
207	District No. 7	100,000	8,395	108,395
208	District No. 8	100,000	17,689	117,689
209	District No. 9	100,000	7,373	107,373
210	District No. 10	140,000	24,695	164,695
211	District No. 11	100,000	24,667	124,667
212	District No. 12	140,000	36,611	176,611
213	District No. 13	140,000	39,547	179,547
214	District No. 14	140,000	153,038	293,038
215	District No. 15	140,000	60,207	200,207
216	District No. 16	140,000	115,256	255,256
217	District No. 17	140,000	38,418	178,418
218	District No. 18	140,000	23,044	163,044
219	District No. 19	100,000	67,118	167,118
241	CREC	140,000	678,158	818,158
242	Ed Connection	140,000	0	140,000
243	CES	140,000	104,577	244,577
244	ACES	140,000	310,633	450,633
245	LEARN	140,000	186,681	326,681
253	Eastconn	140,000	10,148	150,148
261	Jumoke	100,000	177,547	277,547
263	Odyssey	100,000	26,469	126,469
264	Integrated Day	100,000	27,985	127,985
265	ISAAC	100,000	47,761	147,761
268	Common Ground	100,000	78,386	178,386
269	Bridge	100,000	98,843	198,843
270	Side by Side	100,000	40,719	140,719
272	Explorations	100,000	10,506	110,506
278	Trailblazers	100,000	39,441	139,441
279	Amistad	100,000	304,370	404,370
280	New Beginnings	100,000	142,027	242,027
281	Elm City College	100,000	262,392	362,392
282	Stamford Academy	100,000	38,569	138,569
283	Park City Prep	100,000	66,777	166,777
285	A. F. Bridgeport	100,000	61,573	161,573
286	Highville	100,000	124,410	224,410
287	Asylum Hill	100,000	26,296	126,296

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288	A.F. Hartford	100,000	153,019	253,019
301	CTHSS	140,000	1,722,294	1,862,294
336	USD 1 (DOC)	140,000	0	140,000
347	USD 2 (DCF)	140,000	0	140,000
Totals		\$24,140,000	\$87,500,000	\$111,640,000