



## **2013 Legislative Summary and Final Budget Analysis**

***June 6, 2013***

Last year, with the General Assembly's overwhelming support, Governor Dannel P. Malloy was able to enact the most meaningful education reform law our state has ever seen. At the start of the 2013 Legislative Session, Governor Malloy called on the legislature to protect the bold education reform policies enacted last year. In the face of a huge budget deficit, the Connecticut General Assembly made tough choices and put kids first by protecting key pillars of last year's education reform law:

- **Teacher and Principal Evaluation:** Efforts to water down or derail the statewide evaluation system were rejected, and nearly all of the funding for the system was restored to the levels originally proposed by Governor Malloy. The new teacher and principal evaluation system will provide a way to identify and support the state's best teachers, while at the same time offering feedback, professional development and training for those educators who need it, and a swift process for removal of educators who consistently fail to improve.
- **Common Core State Standards:** Nearly all funding for implementation of the Common Core State Standards has been restored to the level originally proposed by Governor Malloy. The Common Core will increase the rigor of Connecticut's academic standards by setting clear benchmarks for success at each grade level to help our schools prepare all students to be college and career ready.
- **Commissioner's Network:** All funding proposed by Governor Malloy has been restored, allowing 17 more schools to join the Network in the next two years. Four schools are currently part of the Network, which aims to turn around the state's lowest-performing schools and improve outcomes for thousands of Connecticut students.
- **Charter Schools:** The final budget allocates funding for four new state charter schools over the next two years. It also maintains the per-pupil funding increases for charter schools that were proposed by Governor Malloy (\$10,500 per student in FY14 and \$11,000 per student in FY15). These increases are important steps towards ensuring all students are funded equitably and will provide thousands of students and families with access to the high quality public school options they deserve. The legislature also expanded and made permanent a district-affiliated charter option, which will strengthen collaborations between charter schools and their host districts.



## Education Budget Summary for FY14 and FY15

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<b>Budget Item</b>		<b>Governor Malloy's Original Proposal</b>	<b>Appropriations Committee Budget Proposal</b>	<b>Final Budget as passed by the Connecticut General Assembly</b>
Talent Development / Common Core	FY14	\$18,325,000	\$5,000,000	Talent Development: \$10,025,000 Common Core: \$8,300,000
	FY15	\$18,325,000	\$5,000,000	Talent Development: \$10,025,000 Common Core: \$6,300,000
Commissioner's Network	FY14	\$10,000,000 (8 new schools)	\$8,250,000 (7 new schools)	\$10,000,000 (8 new schools)
	FY15	\$17,500,000 (9 new schools)	\$9,000,000 (1 new school)	\$17,500,000 (9 new schools)
Current State Charter School Funding	FY14	\$73,804,276 (included in ECS line item)	\$73,804,276 (taken out of ECS line item)	\$73,804,276 (included in ECS line item)
	FY15	\$83,515,000 (included in ECS line item)	\$83,515,000 (taken out of ECS line item)	\$83,515,000 (included in ECS line item)
New State Charter Funding	FY14	\$1,785,000 (1 new school)	\$0	\$1,785,000 (1 new school)
	FY15	\$8,415,000 (3 new schools)	\$0	\$8,415,000 (3 new schools)