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2011 – 2013 State Budget

- Open Choice \$5,374,064 increase (37.2%)
- School Breakfast Program \$586,200 increase (35.9%)
- Vocational Agriculture \$500,000 increase (11.0%)
- Interdistrict Cooperation \$7,139,708 decrease (64.2%)
- Adult Education \$21,032,980 (increase of \$438,609 from FY2011)
- Education Cost Sharing \$1,889,609,057 (no change from FY2011)
- Excess Cost-Student Based \$139,805,731 (no change from FY2011)
- Magnet Schools \$215,855,338 (increase of \$41.7 million from FY2011)
- Non-Public School Transportation \$3,595,500 (decrease of \$399,500 from FY2011)
- Priority School Districts \$116,626,966 (decrease of \$610,222 from FY2011)
- Transportation of School Children \$25,784,748 (decrease of \$2,864,972 from FY2011)

Caps remain in place on the following grants:

- Adult Education
- Bilingual Education
- Excess Cost-Student Based
- Health Services for Private School Children
- Interdistrict Magnet Schools
- Public and Non-Public School Transportation
- Regular Education Costs for State-Placed Children

The budget increases Open Choice grant amounts from the current flat \$2,500 per pupil grant to:

- \$3,000 per student for districts where Open Choice students are less than 2% of the district's total student population.
- \$4,000 per student for districts with 2% to 3% Open Choice enrollment.
- \$6,000 per student for districts with Open Choice enrollment of at least 3% of total enrollment.

Students previously enrolled in private schools will now be eligible to participate.

School Construction Sliding scale reimbursement for new construction reduced from 20-80% to 10-70%, unless new is less expensive than renovation.

Magnet School reimbursement reduced from 95% to 80%.
(Per court order, Hartford magnets remain at 100%)

Construction costs will be established on a per-square-foot basis by county and applications exceeding the cost will be rejected.

Grant commitments made before July 1, 2010, will be canceled for projects that do not begin construction by April 30, 2015.

Many school construction grant functions are transferred to the new Department of Construction Services.

APPENDIX B: Minimum Budget Requirement

	Current MBR	HB 6651
	<p>For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, and June 30, 2011, the budgeted appropriation for education shall be no less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, minus any reductions made pursuant to section 19 of public act 09-1 of the June 19 special session, except that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, those districts whose number of resident students for the school year commencing July 1, 2009, is lower than such district's number of resident students for the school year commencing July 1, 2008, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in number of resident students for such school years multiplied by three thousand.</p>	<p>For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the budgeted appropriation for education shall be not less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, plus any reductions made pursuant to section 19 of public act 09-1 of the June 19 special session, except that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, any district with a number of resident students for the school year commencing July 1, 2011, that is lower than such district's number of resident students for the school year commencing July 1, 2010, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in number of resident students for such school years multiplied by three thousand, provided such reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. A town shall not be eligible to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education pursuant to this subdivision if the school district for the town is in its third year or more of being identified as in need of improvement pursuant to section 10-223e, and (A) has failed to make adequate yearly progress in mathematics or reading at the whole district level, or (B) has satisfied the requirements for adequate yearly progress in mathematics or reading pursuant to Section 1111(b)(2)(i) of Subpart 1 of Part A of Title I of the No Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110, as amended from time to time.</p>
<p>MBR Language</p>		
<p>Language Allowing for Reduction Related to School Closing</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, the Commissioner of Education may permit a district to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, or June 30, 2013, in an amount determined by the commissioner if such district has permanently ceased operations and closed one or more schools in the district due to declining enrollment at such closed school or schools in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, June 30, 2012, or June 30, 2013.</p>
<p>Reduction for Enrollment Decline</p>	<p>None for Current Year (FY2011)</p>	<p>\$3,000 x difference in enrollment from previous year (FY2011); this is a separate provision than the one identified above allowing a reduction for school closings</p>
<p>Reduction Cap</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>0.5% of previous year's budget for reductions related to enrollment declines; reductions related to school closings are not affected by the cap</p>
<p>Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Requirement</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>No reduction allowed for districts that don't meet AYP</p>
<p>Appropriation Baseline</p>	<p>FY2009</p>	<p>FY2011</p>

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