



**To:** Granby Board of Education  
**From:** Cheri P. Burke, Superintendent of Schools  
**Date:** February 19, 2025  
**Re:** FY26 Quality and Diversity Fund

**Quality & Diversity (Q&D) Fund:**

The Q&D fund helps the Granby Public Schools meet the legal requirement for Connecticut school districts to increase opportunities for their students to interact with students and teachers from diverse racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds. Connecticut State Statute requires that these funds be appropriated to the district as a supplement to any other local appropriation and, by law, each Board of Education is required to report activities undertaken in the school district to reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation. Funds are deposited into a town revolving account established by the Board of Finance and are used to support direct needs of our Open Choice students, pay magnet school tuitions and support various other enrichment activities for all Granby Public School students.

Granby Public Schools has actively participated in Open Choice since its inception over forty years ago. We have done so because it supports our equity and diversity goals. For many years, Granby has enrolled one of the highest percentages of Open Choice students in the state. In FY26, the District will receive \$16,500 per Open Choice Kindergarten student and \$10,000 for every student enrolled in Grades 1-12 if the District meets the threshold of 4% of our total student population. In addition, if and when available, participating districts may be eligible for supplemental funds (i.e., bonus).

**Q&D Fund Revenue:**

	<b>FY24A</b>	<b>FY25B</b>	<b>FY26B</b>
<b>Open Choice Participation</b>	\$913,255 (87 students)	\$970,603 (89 students)	\$913,000 (90 students)
<b>Summer School/Pre-K Tuition</b>	\$66,346	\$57,541	\$56,686
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$979,601</b>	<b>\$1,028,144</b>	<b>\$969,686</b>

**Board of Education Goal for Quality and Diversity:**

To provide funding and support for local students to attend quality educational programs in areas of specialization not available locally, and/or new and existing programs in Granby that provide quality learning opportunities within a diverse student population.

**Guiding Principles:**

1. Q&D programming should support the District’s mission and the Board’s goals and commitment to quality and diversity.
2. Encourage enrollment of ten (10) Kindergarten Choice students annually at a level that we can support with class sizes.
3. Maintain a financial model that funds magnet school tuition.
4. Over time, transfer appropriate Q&D expenses into the operating budget.

**Quality & Diversity Fund Expenses:**

Notables in the FY26 appropriation request of \$966,311 are the following:

- Magnet and Vocational School Tuition
- Staffing (Social Workers, Math Interventionist, Tutors, Teaching Assistants, Bus Monitors)
- Summer School (Enrichment, Credit Recovery, AP Power Boost)
- After-School Enrichment and Clubs
- Extracurricular Competitions
- Student Support
- 1:1 Student Chromebooks (Replacement Cycle)

**Open Choice Program Enrollment**

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	Actual FY25	Projected FY26
<b>K</b>	10	7	6	4	4	1	5
<b>1</b>	4	9	7	3	5	6	5
<b>2</b>	6	5	8	9	2	5	6
<b>3</b>	2	6	6	5	9	6	6
<b>4</b>	7	3	5	7	5	9	6
<b>5</b>	5	7	3	6	8	5	9
<b>6</b>	9	5	5	5	9	10	5
<b>7</b>	5	9	5	6	4	8	10
<b>8</b>	8	6	10	6	6	5	7
<b>9</b>	4	10	9	10	8	9	5
<b>10</b>	5	4	9	9	10	8	9
<b>11</b>	6	5	4	9	9	9	8
<b>12</b>	4	7	5	4	8	9	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>%</b>	<b>4.20%</b>	<b>4.71%</b>	<b>4.66%</b>	<b>4.79%</b>	<b>5.02%</b>	<b>5.33%</b>	<b>5.40%</b>

**Open Choice Academic and Social Support Grant:** (Not part of the Q&D budget)

Granby will receive a graduated per pupil amount. Granby’s FY26 allocation will be forthcoming in August 2025. The following resources are projected to be supported by this grant in FY26:

- Salaries as follows: 0.3 FTE Board Certified Behavior Analyst, 1.0 FTE Kindergarten Teaching Assistant, 1.0 FTE Family Engagement Specialist, and 0.2 FTE Social Worker.
- Allocation towards training for new literacy program K-3.

**Magnet School/Out-of-District Student Enrollment**

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	Actual FY25	Projected FY26
<b>Magnet Schools</b>							
Academy of Computer Science and Engineering - MS	0	0	0	1	0	2	1
Academy of Sci. & Innovation (6-12)	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
Ana Grace Academy of the Arts (K-5)	5	4	5	4	5	7	8
Ana Grace Academy of the Arts (MS)	0	0	0	0	0	3	4
GHAA (6-12) Part-time	4	7	13	2	8	6	8
GHAA (6-12) Full-time	1	0	1	3	7	4	4
Museum Academy (K-5)	4	4	5	4	2	2	1
Reggio School of the Arts	2	3	3	2	2	2	2
<b>Totals Magnet School Tuition</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Non-Tuition Pre-K</b>							
Magnet Schools	5	4	6	4	6	5	6
<b>Inter-District (Bloomfield)</b>							
Wintonbury Early Childhood (PK-K)	21	22	19	19	19	18	16
<b>Totals Non-Tuition Magnet Schools</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Agricultural/Vocational</b>							
Oliver Wolcott Tech HS (9-12)	8	7	12	12	8	8	8
Suffield VoAg (9-12)	13	12	11	9	10	11	15
<b>Other</b>							
Asnuntuck Comm. College (9-12)	22	18	11	21	22	16	17
<b>Totals Agricultural/Vocational</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>TOTAL (Magnet/Agriculture/Voc.)</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>91</b>

**Tuition**

**Inter-district Magnet Schools – CREC\***

	FY25
GHAA – Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts (Part-time)	\$4,032/student
GHAA – Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts (Full-time)	\$4,032/student
Ana Grace Academy of the Arts (Elementary)	\$3,674/student
Ana Grace Academy of the Arts (Middle School)	\$4,032/student
Academy of Computer Science & Engineering	\$4,032/student
Academy of Science & Innovation	\$4,032/student
Reggio School of the Arts	\$3,674/student
University of Hartford Magnet (Elementary)	\$3,674/student

**Inter-district Magnet Schools – Bloomfield\***

Wintonbury Early Childhood	No cost for tuition
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\*The District does not provide transportation for students attending the above-listed schools.

**Agricultural/Vocational Schools\*\***

Oliver Wolcott Vocational Technical School	No Cost for tuition
Agriscience Center at Suffield High School	\$3,857/student
Asnuntuck Community College–College Connections	\$1,800-\$2,314/student

\*\*The District shares transportation cost with neighboring districts (included in the Operating Budget).

**QUALITY & DIVERSITY FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

DESCRIPTION	FY 2023-2024 Actual	FY 2024-2025 Approved Budget	FY 2024-2025 Anticipated	FY 2025-2026 Proposed Budget
<b>Tuition</b>				
Magnet Schools	\$ 176,484	\$ 154,680	\$ 109,316	\$ 112,990
College Connections/Asnuntuck	\$ 81,876	\$ 55,653	\$ 30,609	\$ 34,304
Agriscience	\$ 37,413	\$ 88,699	\$ 43,530	\$ 59,360
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 295,773</b>	<b>\$ 299,032</b>	<b>\$ 183,455</b>	<b>\$ 206,654</b>
<b>Transportation</b>				
Bus Monitors (3.0) - Elementary	\$ 69,120	\$ 71,194	\$ 80,892	\$ 83,319
<b>Certified FTEs</b>				
	2.8	4.3	4.3	4.3
Social Workers (3.3)	\$ 252,888	\$ 273,719	\$ 327,564	\$ 296,232
Math Intervention (MS) (1.0)	\$ -	\$ 67,156	\$ 70,043	\$ 74,516
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 252,888</b>	<b>\$ 340,875</b>	<b>\$ 397,607</b>	<b>\$ 370,748</b>
<b>Minority Teacher Recruitment</b>				
	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mentor Stipend	\$ 6,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Partnership Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Resident Salary, Stipend & Benefits	\$ 31,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 38,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Non-Certified FTE</b>				
	7.5	5.4	4.4	4.4
Grade K Teaching Assistants (1.0)	\$ 69,253	\$ 24,342	\$ 24,346	\$ 25,077
School Based Tutors (3.0)	\$ 82,151	\$ 84,177	\$ 86,813	\$ 89,417
Family Engagement Specialist	\$ 23,915	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Teaching Assistant CASC (0.4)	\$ -	\$ 9,737	\$ 11,897	\$ 11,930
BCBA (WR, KL)	\$ -	\$ 67,156	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 175,319</b>	<b>\$ 185,412</b>	<b>\$ 123,056</b>	<b>\$ 126,424</b>
<b>Summer School</b>				
Enrichment	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 13,298	\$ 6,000
Credit Recovery (Tuition Based)	\$ 13,101	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,800
AP Power Boost (Intervention)	\$ -	\$ 10,621	\$ 3,171	\$ 10,621
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,101</b>	<b>\$ 20,421</b>	<b>\$ 20,269</b>	<b>\$ 20,421</b>
<b>Additional Supports</b>				
Robotics & DECA	\$ 4,450	\$ 7,930	\$ 7,930	\$ 6,697
Mentoring Program	\$ 2,667	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,120
Granby Equity Team Funding	\$ 1,033	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ -
Enrichment: Club Stipends	\$ 8,917	\$ 11,902	\$ 16,652	\$ 16,929
Enrichment Bridges GMMS & GMHS	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -
1:1 Technology Equipment (Lease)	\$ 175,957	\$ 110,000	\$ 108,900	\$ 120,000
Student Support	\$ 11,526	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 204,550</b>	<b>\$ 152,832</b>	<b>\$ 146,982</b>	<b>\$ 158,745</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 1,048,751</b>	<b>\$ 1,069,766</b>	<b>\$ 952,261</b>	<b>\$ 966,311</b>
<b>Student Enrollment (Projected)</b>				
	1736	1692	1693	1692
Choice Students	87	89	90	90
Choice % of District Enrollment	5.01%	5.26%	5.32%	5.32%
<b>Choice Per Pupil Funding</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Revenue</b>				
Choice Early Beginnings (Grade K)	\$ 26,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 6,500	\$ 13,000
Choice Tuition	\$ 887,255	\$ 890,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000
Choice Bonus	\$ -	\$ 53,603	\$ -	\$ -
Summer School Tuition	\$ 10,557	\$ 9,800	\$ 11,617	\$ 9,913
PreK Tuition	\$ 42,789	\$ 47,741	\$ 47,000	\$ 46,773
Misc	\$ 13,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 979,601</b>	<b>\$ 1,028,144</b>	<b>\$ 965,117</b>	<b>\$ 969,686</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 164,485</b>	<b>\$ 95,335</b>	<b>\$ 95,335</b>	<b>\$ 108,191</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 95,335</b>	<b>\$ 53,713</b>	<b>\$ 108,191</b>	<b>\$ 111,566</b>