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### Alliance Grant: Executive Summary

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The district is submitting its 2025-26 Alliance District grant plan to the CT State Department of Education (CSDE). **Middletown has been allocated \$11,531,952.**

The Alliance District program was a unique and targeted investment in Connecticut's 36 lowest-performing districts. Connecticut General Statue Section 10-262u established a process for identifying Alliance Districts and allocating increased Education Cost Sharing (ECS) funding to support district strategies to dramatically increase student outcomes and close achievement gaps by pursuing bold and innovative reforms. Pursuant to C.G.S. § 262u, each Alliance District's receipt of its designated ECS funding was conditioned upon district submission and the Commissioner of Education's approval of a plan, district progress and performance relative to that plan, and subsequent annual amendments, in the context of the district's overall strategy to improve academic achievement.

The following focus areas for spending are defined for Alliance District funds that may include, but not be limited to the following:

1. A tiered system of interventions.
2. Foundational reading programs (Grades K-3).
3. Additional learning time, either extended day or extended year.
4. A talent strategy designed to "attract, retain, promote and bolster the performance of staff," including allowable \$500 stipends for mentor teachers in the TEAM program.
5. Training for school leaders and staff on new teacher evaluation models.
6. Coordination with early childhood education providers, including funding for Head Start.
7. Coordination with governmental and community programs for student support and Wraparound Services.
8. Implementing and furthering statewide education standards and associated activities and initiatives.
9. Minority teacher/administrator recruiting.
10. Enhancement of bilingual education programs.

As of the 2025-26 school year, there are 36 Alliance Districts identified for the five school years between 2022-23 and 2026-27 of which Middletown is one.

**Funding Requested: \$11,531,952.**

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