

From: Matthew Conway
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2013 3:02 PM
To: Thomas Thompson
Cc: Keith McLiverty; Ken Marcucio
Subject: Alliance Grant Funding

Hi Tom,

Per our conversation earlier, I think your suggestion to keep the Alliance Grant funding separate is a wise idea. This will eliminate any concerns regarding reduction of local funding or distribution of the ECS funding as a result of now receiving Alliance Grant funding. If needed, below are the places where there are statutory requirements that prohibit reducing the ECS and local funding because of the Alliance Funds. Let me know if this helps or you have any questions. Similar to the first of two rounds of ARRA funding sources from 3-4 years ago, the Alliance Grant funding cannot be used to supplant local funding. SDE has warned districts they will lose funding if this occurs. We are in year one of a five year grant.

A. 10-262i(c): (the aid and increase in aid that is referred to below is ECS)

(c) All aid distributed to a town pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be expended for educational purposes only and shall be expended upon the authorization of the local or regional board of education. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, and each fiscal year thereafter, if a town receives an increase in funds pursuant to this section over the amount it received for the prior fiscal year such increase shall not be used to supplant local funding for educational purposes. The budgeted appropriation for education in any town receiving an increase in funds pursuant to this section shall be not less than the amount appropriated for education for the prior year plus such increase in funds.

B. Section 34 of Public Act 12-116, as amended by section 22 of Public Act 12-2 JSS:

(c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the Comptroller shall withhold from a town designated as an alliance district any increase in funds received over the amount the town received for the prior fiscal year pursuant to section 10-262h of the general statutes, as amended by this act. The Comptroller shall transfer such funds to the Commissioner of Education.

(2) Upon receipt of an application pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, the Commissioner of Education may pay such funds to the town designated as an alliance district and such town shall pay such funds to the local or regional board of education for such town on the condition that such funds shall be expended in accordance with the plan described in subsection (d) of this section and any guidelines developed by the State Board of Education for such funds. Such funds shall be used to improve student achievement in such alliance district and to offset any other local education costs approved by the commissioner.

C. 10-262i(f)(5): Statute does not allow any reductions from the prior year MBR effort for alliance districts:

(5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the budgeted appropriation for a town designated as an alliance district, as defined in section 34 of public act 12-116, shall be not less than the sum of (A) the budgeted appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, and (B) the amount necessary to meet the minimum local funding percentage, as defined in subdivision (39) of section 10-262f, as amended by this act, except the commissioner may permit a town designated as an alliance district to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education if such town can demonstrate that its local contribution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, has increased when compared to the local

contribution used in determining its local funding percentage, as defined in subdivision (38) of section 10-262f, as amended by this act.

While statute does provide circumstances under which a BOE's MBR could be reduced from the prior year, they do not apply to alliance districts.

Matt

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From: Matthew Conway
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 9:23 AM
To: Judy Szewczyk
Subject: Re: Budget information
Attachments: mbr.png

I sent to Keith as well. Just trying to avoid any surprises

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Judy

On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 10:09 PM, Matthew Conway <mconway@derbyps.org> wrote:
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Source: Conn. Gen. Statutes ch. 164, § 10-262i, 10-262f as amended by P.A. 15-99 (2015).

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Cc: Mark Izzo
Subject: Budget Information

Hello All,

Prior to Tonight's public hearing on the town budget, Mark and I will be meeting with Judy, Sal, Keith, Anita to discuss the below information I provided to them. I am hopeful we resolve any concerns prior to the public hearing and changes are made to the amount proposed for the Board prior to a final vote on the budget at their next meeting. TBD

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(b) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the budgeted appropriation for education shall be not less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, plus any aid increase received pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-262i, except that a town may reduce its budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, by one or more of the following:

(1) Any district with (A) a resident student population in which the number of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches pursuant to federal law and regulations is equal to or greater than twenty per cent, and

(B) a resident student count for October 1, 2015, using the data of record as of January 31, 2016, that is lower than such district's resident student count for October 1, 2014, using the data of record as of January 31, 2016, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in the number of resident students for such years multiplied by fifty per cent of the net current expenditures per resident student of such district, provided such reduction shall not exceed one and one-half per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, except that the Commissioner of Education may, following a review of a town's proposed reductions to its budgeted appropriation for education, permit a town to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in an amount greater than one and one-half per cent if the board of education for such town has approved, by vote at a meeting duly called, such proposed reductions;

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