

Good Morning,

Here are some of my thoughts.

My major comments concern the following areas:

- 1) If there is going to be additional ECS funding for Wallingford, the statute needs to insure that it will supplement not supplant existing town and state funding for education.
- 2) If additional funds are being allocated for magnet schools, then I would hope the local funding would be reduced to help mitigate the local burden.
- 3) I am not in favor of local districts paying for charter schools. If the state sees choice as an issue or initiative they need to fully fund it. It cannot continue to be funded at the expense of local school districts.
- 4) I like the competitive grant component of the proposal for promising practices. I am only concerned with the private donation piece. I am concerned about a potential conflict of interest.
- 5) If I am reading this correctly, we are being reduced in the amount that we can charge sending districts to our Voag program (Section 12 Subsection b). This is not fair if magnets and charter schools are receiving additional funding.
- 6) The teacher and administrator tenure and evaluation piece requires extensive change. The only hope is that the state does provide clear consistent guidelines for implementation.

The following are all interesting, but more information is needed to determine whether the outcome will justify the expenditure.

- \$500,000 for Common Core/international standards alignment
- \$500,000 for a personalized learning pilot
- \$500,000 for college readiness assessment
- \$500,000 for college financial aid preparation assistance for needy families
- \$300,000 for a K-3 reading assessment pilot
- \$300,000 for technical assistance for regional cooperation and efficiency, plus Common Charts of Accounts initiative
- \$77,000 for a food corps initiative and pilot to establish school cafeteria food nutrition rating systems

Thanks for asking for input. I will be back in the office on Tuesday, if you would like to talk about any of these.

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