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NEW SCHOOL READINESS SLOTS, FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS AND SCHOOL HEALTH CLINICS UNDER THE EDUCATION REFORM ACT OF 2012

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You asked which school districts are eligible for the new school readiness slots, family resource centers, and school-based health clinics required by the 2012 Education Reform Act ([PA 12-116](#)).

The 2012 act requires the education commissioner to provide funding in FY 13 for 1,000 new school readiness slots and at least 10 new family resource centers (FRCs). It also requires the public health commissioner to fund at least 20 new or expanded school-based health clinics (SBHCs) for FY 13. The act specifies that these services must be located in educational reform, priority and former priority, certain competitive, and alliance districts.

SCHOOL READINESS SLOTS

The Education Reform Act ([PA 12-116, § 1](#)) requires the education commissioner to provide funding for 1,000 new slots in school readiness programs in FY 13. The slots must be allocated as follows:

1. 500 in the educational reform districts,
2. 250 in priority or former priority districts that are not educational reform districts, and

3. 250 in school readiness program competitive districts.

The governor [announced](#) the distribution of the school readiness slots on July 10, 2012.

Educational Reform Districts

The educational reform districts are the 10 school districts with the lowest performance on statewide mastery tests, according to a district performance index the act establishes. Table 1 lists these districts and the new slots allocated to each.

Table 1: Educational Reform Districts

<i>District</i>	<i>New Slots</i>
Bridgeport	130
East Hartford	30
Hartford	64
Meriden	58
New Britain	41
New Haven	53
New London	31
Norwich	26
Waterbury	51
Windham	16
TOTAL	500

Priority and Former Priority Districts

Priority districts are designated using a statutory formula that includes population, concentration of school-aged children receiving Temporary Family Assistance, and academic performance on by state mastery test scores ([CGS § 10-266p](#)). [PA 12-116](#) allocates 250 new slots to priority and former priority school districts that are not educational reform districts. Table 2 shows the nine districts that fall into this category and their new slot allocations.

Table 2: Priority and Former Priority Districts

<i>District</i>	<i>New Slots</i>
Ansonia	21
Bloomfield	4
Bristol	48
Danbury	58
Middletown	8
Norwalk	50
Putnam	30
Stamford	6
West Haven	25
TOTAL	250

Competitive Districts

The competitive districts are those that do not fall into either of the two foregoing categories but that either (1) are among the 50 poorest districts in the state or (2) have at least one school where 40% or more of the school lunches served are to students eligible for free or reduced price lunches (“priority school”) ([CGS § 10-16p\(d\)](#)).

Of the districts in this category, 19 received new slots from the 250 allocated to such districts in the act. These districts and their slot allocations are listed in Table 3.

Table 3: Competitive Districts Receiving New Slots

District	New Slots	District	New Slots
East Haven	14	Naugatuck	15
Enfield	12	Plainfield	3
Greenwich	13	Stratford	13
Griswold	13	Torrington	15
Groton	20	Vernon	15
Hamden	10	West Hartford	10
Hebron	18	Winchester	15
Killingly	15	Windsor	6
Ledyard	18	Windsor Locks	24
Manchester	1	TOTAL	250

Table 4 lists the competitive districts that did not receive a new slot allocation.

Table 4: Competitive Districts Not Receiving New Slots

Andover	Ellington	Seymour
Ashford	Hampton	Shelton
Beacon Falls	Lebanon	Sprague
Brooklyn	Lisbon	Stafford
Canterbury	Mansfield	Sterling
Chaplin	Milford	Thomaston
Colchester	North Canaan	Thompson
Coventry	Plainville	Voluntown
Derby	Plymouth	Wolcott
Eastford	Scotland	

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS AND SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINICS

The Education Reform act ([PA 12-116, § 8](#)) requires the education commissioner to establish at least 10 new FRCs and the public health commissioner to establish at least 20 new or expanded SBHCs in FY 13

in “alliance districts.” The alliance districts are the 30 school districts with the lowest performance on statewide mastery tests as determined under what is called the District Performance Index.

Table 5 lists the schools and alliance districts that the State Department of Education selected for new school-based FRCs. FRCs provide wraparound services for students and their families including: home visitations to screen for child development needs, before- and after-school care, summer camps, child-rearing skills classes, high school equivalency classes, English as a second language programs, and other services. The selections were announced on August 22, 2012.

Table 5: Alliance Districts and Schools Receiving New Family Resource Centers

Green-Hills School, Bristol
Franklin Mayberry Elementary School, East Hartford
Ridge Hill School, Hamden
J.C. Clark School, Hartford
Roger Sherman Elementary School, Meriden
Smith Elementary School, New Britain
Fair Haven Elementary School, New Haven
Ross Woodward Classical Studies School, New Haven
John B. Stanton Elementary School, Norwich
Jonathan Reed Elementary School, Waterbury

The alliance districts that are not receiving new FRC are listed in Table 6.

Table 6: Alliance Districts Not Receiving Family Resource Centers – FY 13

Ansonia	Killingly	Stamford
Bloomfield	Manchester	Vernon
Bridgeport	Middletown	West Haven
Danbury	Naugatuck	Winchester
Derby	New London	Windham
East Haven	Norwalk	Windsor
East Windsor	Putnam	Windsor Locks

As of the date of this report the locations of the new SBHCs have not yet been announced.

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