

Over the past five years funding for Charters and Magnets have increased by 68% while funding for local public schools have increased by 8% during that same time period. This should be an equitable distribution. These silos of academic offerings have grown in response to the Sheff settlement with the purpose being to reduce racial, ethnic and socioeconomic isolation. Has it worked? New Britain is viewed as a "suburb" in the context of the Sheff decision. I argue that the principles of Sheff should be viewed as a statewide goal applying to all school districts.

Facts: ECS formula which is suppose to include multiple factors such as student poverty has been frozen at an arbitrary level. In other words - it is not being applied.