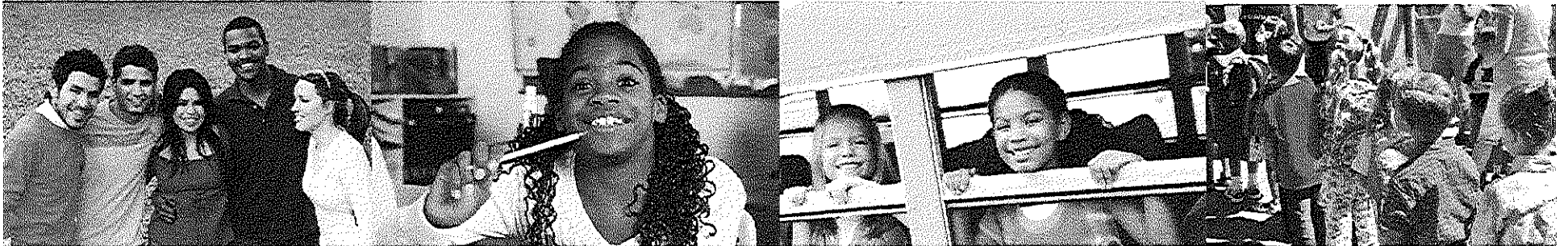


Presentation to the Education Cost Sharing Task Force Bridgeport Public Schools

July 2012



AGENDA

- Appreciation
- Update from October
- Equity issues
- Actions to improve accountability
- Increased City funding
- Effect on residential tax payers

UPDATE FROM OCTOBER

- Eliminated \$12 million budget deficit and balanced the Bridgeport SY 2011-2012 budget.
- Reconstructed the Central Office, reducing size by one-third.
- No classroom lay-offs.
- Crafted balanced budget for SY 2012-2013 based on state and city-approved appropriations and implemented budget cuts.
- Developed 5-year balanced budget financial plan based on sound conservative assumptions for expenditures and revenues.

EQUITY ISSUES:

The Difference in Expenditures Between Others and the Bridgeport Public Schools Adjusted for Enrollment 2008-9 School Year

Source: Connecticut State Department of Education

Expense Category	Bridgeport Expenditures	State Average	Hartford	New Haven
Instruction	\$162,781,398	\$5.8M less	\$5.2M more	\$28.6M more
Transportation	\$12,294,178	\$0.3M more	\$14.9M more	\$8.5M more
Student Support	\$16,324,724	\$1.4M more	\$8.9M more	\$6.7M less
Supplies & Equipment	\$6,076,200	\$ 0.6M more	\$2.7M more	\$1.1M less
Plant & Maint.	\$27,950,520	\$1.6M more	\$8.9M more	\$7.2M more
Administration & Support	\$22,806,004	\$10.1M more	\$18.8M more	\$14.9M more
Media Services	\$5,124,262	\$2.7M more	\$3.2M more	\$6.3M more
Other	\$1,762,098	\$1.7M more	\$1.7M less	\$2.9M more
Total	\$265,347,654	\$10.2M more	\$57.7M more	\$59.0M more

EQUITY ISSUES: EFFECT OF DIFFERENCES IN PERCENT FUNDING OF FULLY FUNDED ECS GRANT

	Bridgeport	Hartford	New Haven
Fully Funded Grant	\$195.3M	\$207.1M	\$161.3M
Actual Grant	\$164.2M	\$188.0M	\$142.5M
Shortfall	\$31.1M	\$19.1M	\$18.8M
% of Fully Funded	84.1%	90.8%	88.4%
Change in Funding to 90.8%	+\$13.1M	-	+\$3.9M

Source: State Department of Education

EQUITY ISSUE:

Bridgeport and Hartford

- Percent of fully funded grant - \$13.1M
- Hartford's lower wealth factor - \$11.2M
\$24.3M

ACTIONS TO IMPROVE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- Financial savings from Central Office expenditure reductions shifted to local schools.
- School-based budgeting model developed with transparent, weighted formulas for allocating both financial and human resources.
- Financial analysis, budget-to-actuals monitoring and other fiscal controls implemented to improve BPS' financial health.
- For the first time, overall school district and individual school budgets made accessible online and on-site.
- Bridgeport Financial Advisory Council, consisting of prominent financial experts, created to provide sound, impartial oversight of District finances.

INCREASED CITY FUNDING

- Increase in direct financial support:
\$5 million (base).
- In-kind services to reduce Board of Education expenditures:
\$3 million (credit).
- Commitment to increase direct financial support and in-kind services over the 5 year financial plan:
Combined \$5 million per year.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTIAL TAX PAYERS

- Significantly reduced industrial and commercial base creates an undue tax burden on residential property owners.
- Diminished and out-of-balance tax base drives tax rates up further undermining the business climate.