Presentation to the Education Cost Sharing Task Force Bridgeport Public Schools

October 2011
98.6% of Bridgeport Students Qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch Program
Only two in three Bridgeport children have preschool experience

- Bridgeport: 67%
- Fairfield: 97%
- Connecticut: 81%

Children Entering Kindergarten with Preschool Experience 2009-10
Wide disparities in student performance between Bridgeport and the State

- Math: Bridgeport 68.4%, State 68.5%
- Reading: Bridgeport 35.6%, State 35.5%
- Writing: Bridgeport 32.6%

Students in Grades 3-8 Meeting Goal on CMT (Connecticut Mastery Test) 2011

- Math: Bridgeport 49.6%, State 47.2%
- Science: Bridgeport 44.8%, State 21.1%
- Reading: Bridgeport 10.3%, State 10.7%
- Writing: Bridgeport 10.5%

10th Grade Students Meeting Goal on CAPT (Connecticut Academic Performance Test) 2011
Far fewer Bridgeport students graduate than students statewide

Class of 2009 Graduation Rates

Bridgeport: 65.8%
Statewide: 91.3%
Our Children’s Rights

Constitution of the State of Connecticut

“There shall always be free public elementary and secondary schools in the state.”

“No person shall be denied the equal protection of the law nor be subject to segregation or discrimination in the exercise or enjoyment of his civil or political rights because of religion, race, color, ancestry or national origin.”

“the School Fund, ..., which shall be inviolably appropriated to the support and encouragement of the public schools throughout the state, and for the equal benefit of all the people thereof ... among the several school societies, as justice and equity shall require.”


“Such opportunity (education), ..., is a right which must be made available to all on equal terms.”
The Difference in Expenditures Between Others and the Bridgeport Public Schools Adjusted for Enrollment 2008-9 School Year

Source: Connecticut State Department of Education

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<th>Expense Category</th>
<th>Bridgeport Expenditures</th>
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Cumulative Difference in Expenditures Between Others and the Bridgeport Public Schools Adjusted for Enrollment 2001 - 2009

Source: Connecticut State Department of Education
Education Cost Sharing Formula

- Fully Funded Grant: $195,274,878
- Actual 2011 Grant: $164,195,344
- Annual Difference: $31,079,534
Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding

Net Current Annual Expenditures Below Adequacy

$132,813,100
Rhode Island Model

Increase in Annual ECS Funding

$16,812,079
The Children of Bridgeport Deserve Educational Equality