



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



June 19, 2018

Jody Goeler
Superintendent of Schools
Hamden Board of Education
285 Helen Street
Hamden, CT 06514

Dear Mr. Goeler:

On June 6, 2018, the Connecticut State Board of Education (CSBE) accepted a report concerning the racial imbalance statistics for all schools in the state. Enclosed with this letter is the report for your district. Pursuant to Section 10-226e-4 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the CSBE is required to notify any board of education that has one or more schools with racial imbalance or impending imbalance. Racial imbalance exists when the proportion of minority students for the school falls outside of a range from 25 percentage points less to 25 percentage points more than the comparable proportion for the district. Impending imbalance exists when the proportion of minority students for a school falls outside a range from 15 percentage points less to 15 percentage points more than the comparable proportion for the district. For all grades of a given school, the total number of minority students enrolled in the same grades throughout the district is divided by the district-wide total student enrollment in such grades, and the resulting percentage is the comparable proportion for the district.

As required by law and on behalf of the CSBE, I am advising you that Church Street, Helen Street, and Shepherd Glen Schools have impending imbalance based on the October 1, 2017 enrollment data collected by the State Department of Education. Although a board of education is not required to file a plan to address impending imbalance, boards are strongly encouraged to address the matter in a proactive manner to avoid future identification of racial imbalance. Boards of education should strive to maintain balanced schools so that each child has the advantage of attending a school that is as diverse as possible. The regulations authorize the Commissioner of Education to ask for additional information about schools with impending imbalance, and I may do so at a future date.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Attorney Laura Anastasio at the Division of Legal and Governmental Affairs at 860-713-6512.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell
Commissioner of Education

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Enclosure