



Ellington Public Schools

"Where Children Come First"

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March 26, 2010

Mr. Maurice Blanchette
First Selectman
Town of Ellington
55 Main Street
Ellington, CT 06029

Dear Mr. Blanchette:

The Board of Education, at its regular meeting on March 24, 2010, unanimously approved the following motion:

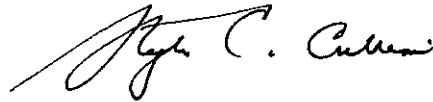
"To recommend to the Annual Town Budget Meeting acceptance of prepaid grants and funds fully reimbursable for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, and to appropriate the same to the Board of Education in a sum estimated at \$1,402,600 of which the individual grants are estimated to be as follows:

	<u>GRANT</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>
Title I -	Part A: Improving Basic Programs	\$ 100,000
	Funds are targeted to improve achievement in reading and mathematics with grant entitlements based on family income indicators.	
Title II:	Part A: Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting	\$ 50,000
	Supports increased student achievement by improving teacher and administrator quality and increasing the number of highly qualified teachers.	
Title II:	Part D: Enhancing Education Through Technology "ARRA Funds"	\$ 1,000
	Supports effective use of technology to improve student learning.	

Title IV: Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act	\$ 2,000
Funds are targeted to support programs that prevent violence and foster a safe and drug-free learning environment.	
IDEA - Part B: Section 611 Special Education Entitlement	\$ 387,100
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Designed to provide funds for the education of disabled children.	
IDEA - Part B: Section 611- "ARRA Funds"	\$ 439,000
Additional funds received for this two-year grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. These funds are recommended to expand learning time; increase capacity; provide professional development or technical assistance; or provide direct special education or related services to students and parents.	
IDEA - Part B: Section 619 A Preschool Entitlement	\$ 11,900
Designed to provide funds for the education of disabled children ages three to five.	
IDEA Part B: Section 619 A Preschool Entitlement - "ARRA Funds"	\$ 16,100
Additional funds received for this two-year grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. These funds are recommended for early childhood programs and activities and to coordinate early intervention services.	
Adult Education	\$ 36,000
Matching state funds that help fulfill Ellington's legal obligations related to Adult Basic Education, the High School Adult Credit Diploma Program, the External Diploma Program, and GED Preparation Classes through the Vernon Regional Adult Ed. Program.	
Perkins- Career & Technology Grant	\$ 20,000
Funds are used to purchase equipment and support for career and technology programs	

Open Choice Funds Funds are used to offset magnet school tuition payments required by Parent Choice legislation.	\$ 132,500
Sheff Settlement – Open Choice Academic and Social Support Funds facilitate the development of programs and activities to support the success of students in the Choice Program.	\$ 16,000
Summer Programs Fees paid by parents to allow their children to attend self-funded summer programs.	\$ 29,000
Preschool Tuition Funds Fees paid by parents of “typical peer students” attending the district’s special education reverse mainstream preschool program.	\$ 62,000
Other federal and state prepaid grants which might be applied for. “	\$ 100,000
TOTAL	\$1,402,600

Sincerely,



Stephen C. Cullinan
Superintendent of Schools

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cc: Nicholas DiCorleto