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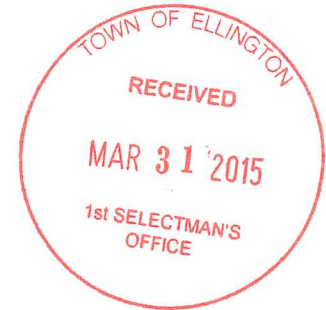


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March 30, 2015



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 25, 2015, unanimously approved the following motion:

"Move to recommend to the Annual Town Budget Meeting acceptance of prepaid grants and funds fully reimbursable for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 and to appropriate the same to the Board of Education in a sum estimated at \$1,788,321 as detailed in Exhibit A attached."

Sincerely,

Stephen C. Cullinan
Superintendent of Schools

SCC:sel

cc: Nicholas DiCorleto

Exhibit A**2015-2016 Prepaid Grants**

<u>GRANT</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>
Title I - Part A: Improving Basic Programs Funds are targeted to improve achievement in reading and mathematics with grant entitlements based on family income indicators.	\$ 85,000
Title II: Part A: Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Supports increased student achievement by improving teacher and administrator quality and increasing the number of highly qualified teachers.	\$ 51,500
Title III: Part A: English Language Acquisitions Funds are used to support programs and services for English Language Learners.	\$ 8,500
IDEA - Part B: Section 611 Special Education Entitlement Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Designed to provide funds for the education of disabled children.	\$ 404,188
IDEA - Part B: Section 619 A Preschool Entitlement Designed to provide funds for the education of disabled children ages three to five.	\$ 11,042
Adult Education 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.	\$ 14,293
Perkins- Career & Technology Grant Funds are used to purchase equipment and support for career and technology programs.	\$ 25,000
Open Choice Funds Funds are used to offset magnet school tuition payments required by Parent Choice legislation.	\$ 280,000

Open Choice Special Education Funds	\$ 216,048
Funds are used to offset special education costs of Choice students.	
School Readiness	\$ 140,000
Funding for children from income-eligible families to participate in NAEYC accredited preschool programs. Families pay on a sliding scale based on their income. Grant also provides for the School Readiness Council to offer parent education programs to assist with the development of skills that prepare students to be successful in school.	
Sheff Settlement – Open Choice Academic and Social Support	\$ 150,000
Funds facilitate the development of programs and activities to support the success of students in the Choice Program.	
Summer Programs	\$ 30,000
Fees paid by parents to allow their children to attend self-funded summer programs.	
Preschool Tuition Funds	\$ 87,750
Fees paid by parents of “typical peer students” attending the district’s special education reverse mainstream preschool program.	
Academic Enhancement	\$ 35,000
Fees paid by families for extended day/year programs.	
Other federal and state prepaid grants which might be applied for.	\$ 250,000
TOTAL	\$1,788,321