

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE, ROOM 11**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Kim Shepardson Watson, Andrea Ackerman, Dean Antipas, William Horgan, Elizabeth Porter (remote), Matthew Shulman, Rita Volkmann (remote), Beverly Washington (remote), Jay Weitlauf

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Austin, Philip Piazza, Sam Kilpatrick, David Fleig, Denise Doolittle, Nadine Macklin, Lauren Casini, Clint Kennedy, Zoë Antipas, Katheryn Regan

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mrs. Shepardson Watson, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Denise Doolittle.

II. RECOGNITION AND PARTICIPATION OF VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

NONE

III. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

NONE

IV. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

NONE

V. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Zoë Antipas noted the following activities in the schools:

CB – Starting their Discovery Clusters; starting World Language classes

NEA – Open House this evening at 5 p.m. and will be having their annual PTO picnic

FHS – In the middle of Spirit Week

Katie Subashi noted the following activities in the schools:

MR – Open House at 5 p.m.

FHS – In the middle of Spirit Week and homecoming is around the corner

VI. SUPERINTENDENT AND ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

A. Superintendent & Assistant Superintendent Report

1. District Data Overview - SBAT, SAT, NGSS (ATTACHMENT #1) – Superintendent Austin gave an overview of the District Data, which included a report on the ELA Performance Index, the Math Performance Index, the NGSS Performance Index, Chronic Absenteeism, and the District Action Plan to Increase Student Achievement.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT AND ADMINISTRATION REPORTS – cont.

- A. Superintendent & Assistant Superintendent Report – cont.
2. State Legislation re: Kindergarten Entrance Age (ATTACHMENT #2) – Mrs. Nadine Macklin gave an overview of the new State Legislation, which was passed this summer. She stated that beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, children need to turn 5 years old on or before September 1 in order to be automatically eligible for kindergarten. This is a change from the current kindergarten cutoff date of the first of January of the following year.
- B. Reports and Information from the Staff
1. Director of Finance
- Object Code Summary FY 24 (ATTACHMENT #3) – Mr. Fleig gave an overview of the Object Code Summary dated September 21, 2023, that shows an unexpended balance of \$34,226,550. Mr. Fleig noted that there were items that he will be paying close attention to - Health Insurance, all utilities – as he becomes acclimated to his new position. He will be contacting the Finance Committee to get their feedback.
 - Health Insurance Report (ATTACHMENT #4) – Mr. Fleig gave an overview of the Health Insurance Report for the month of July.
2. Director of Buildings and Grounds
- Update re: School Facilities – Mr. Kilpatrick noted that:
 - there have been three different floods in the district;
 - the lower level of FHS was remediated and students returned today; he is still investigating the cause;
 - the FHS LED project is underway in the new academic wing;
 - the elevator is ordered for wheel chair access at the field house;
 - the nurses suite and administration areas at MR have been remediated and are awaiting the cove base to complete the project. The cause of the backup was that something was flushed that shouldn't have been;
 - materials were delivered today to MRMS for the Solar Project
 - the pergola project at GMS is 90% complete; and
 - the Solar Project is underway at GMS.
 - Food Services Grant – Mr. Kilpatrick noted that:
 - Mr. Koschmieder has secured an Equipment Viability Grant in the amount of \$38,500 to be used at MM Kitchen for food processing equipment for the Farm to School Program, i.e., carrots, corn, broccoli, etc.; to clean, blanch, season, and cryovac vegetables for use in the winter as fresh frozen food.

Mr. Shulman requested a COW agenda item to address Field Trip costs.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Policy – Dr. Ackerman noted that the Policy Committee met and discussed the policies on the agenda for first and second readings.
- B. Curriculum – Mrs. Porter noted that the Curriculum Committee last week and review 2 more curriculums and are wrapping up the summer with the review of 27 other curriculums.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS – cont.

- C. Finance/Facilities – Mr. Weitlauf noted that the Finance/Facilities Committee met on September 5, 2023, and reviewed the budget timeline, CIP proposals, and received updates from Mr. Kilpatrick on the NEA curtain drain that is complete, concrete has been poured for the GMS pergola project, installation of solar panels at GMS and MR, water fountain manufacturer will be replacing the two defective bottle fillers at MR; working with an architect on a plan for the roof at CB and will be putting it out to bid for completion next summer; field lights at GMS are scheduled to be completed by the end of the calendar year; the well pump at Central Office was replaced; the architectural plans for CK office space project is scheduled to be completed during Christmas break; STA provided a trainer from Traversa, the new routing system software company, to work with our transportation department on the bus routes.
- D. Communications – Mr. Shulman noted that the Communications Committee met tonight and received an update and the next steps on PTO collaboration; Marketing to attract prospective Groton families.
- E. Negotiations – Mrs. Shepardson Watson noted that mediation has been set for the Paraprofessional bargaining contract.
- F. LEARN – Mrs. Volkmann noted that LEARN Building Committee met last Thursday and that the Board may have to adopt, as a Board, the State approve the flexibility for implementing the Connecticut Guidelines for Educator Evaluation for 2017; the Teacher Residency Program has had 45 new teachers in Connecticut that have been hired; the LEARN Board has approved the purchase of \$1 dollar to purchase 51 Daniels Avenue in Waterford. It's where the Old Southwest School was and they are going to purchase it, remediate it, which will probably cost about 1 million dollars and then hopefully build a proposed new infant, toddler, and Prek school there. They're going to have to close the Friendship School because Waterford would like it back and also they will house the Transition Academy for students who are not prepared, that don't need to go to the service of Ocean Avenue Learning Center; they had an update of the opening of the school year; the teacher of the year at Marine Science, Katherine Howard, who has been recognized nationally for her work.
- G. TCC/RTM/BoE Liaison – There was no report.
- H. AGSA/GEA/BoE Liaison – There was no report.
- I. Groton Scholarship – There was no report.
- J. Athletic Fields – There was no report.
- K. Trails Committee – Mr. Shulman noted that the Trails Committee met this month and discussed the Copp property and how to engage students.
- L. Library Committee – Mr. Shulman noted that the Library Committee met and stated that the One Card project is stuck. Someone from the committee is willing to come before the Board to explain.
- M. PSBC – There was no report.
- N. State Council on Education Opportunities for Military Children – There was no report.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda

MOTION: Volkmann, Porter; To approve the Consent Agenda.
FAVOR (8): Shepardson Watson, Ackerman, Antipas, Horgan, Porter,
Volkmann, Washington, Weitlauf
OPPOSED (0)
ABSTAINED (1): Shulman
MOTION PASSED

B. Old Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding a second reading of policy P 5111.3 – Protection of Undocumented Students (ATTACHMENT #5)

MOTION: Weitlauf, Horgan; To approve policy P 5111.3 – Protection of Undocumented Students as a second reading.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

C. New Business

1. Discussion and possible action regarding a first reading of policy P 5118 – Non-resident Attendance (ATTACHMENT #6)

MOTION: Horgan, Shulman; To approve policy P 5118 – Non-resident Attendance as a first reading.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Discussion and possible action regarding recognition of October 2, 2023 as National Custodian Day

MOTION: Antipas, Ackerman; To recognize October 2, 2023 as National Custodian Day, and to direct the Superintendent of Schools to send a letter of appreciation to the custodial staff.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Discussion and possible action re: the establishment of an Ad Hoc Naming of Baseball Field Committee - This item was tabled for the new Board of Education to address.

IX. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

Letters, communications, and comments by Board members on meeting items and any other items in their jurisdiction.

- Mrs. Porter noted receiving correspondence from a grandparent regarding a transportation issue. She forwarded it to Mr. Kilpatrick.
- Mr. Weitlauf thanked those involved in the DoDEA grant; he congratulated Superintendent Austin for receiving the Betsy Carter Award.

IX. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – cont.

- Mr. Shulman stated that he shared articles with Dr. Kennedy regarding artificial intelligence and would like to receive his perspective.
- Dr. Ackerman noted that October 19, 2023 is the night of the Martin Luther King Scholarship Dinner and that Groton has 3 students to be honored - Gianni Drab, Calvin McCoy, Katheryn Regan.
- Mrs. Shepardson Watson added her congratulations to Superintendent Austin for being honored with the Betsy Carter Award and thanked those involved with the DoDEA grant. Mrs. Shepardson Watson noted that the Ad Hoc Committee regarding the Board bylaws (9000 Series) will report at the October COW meeting.

X. ADVANCE PLANNING

- A. Future Meeting Dates and Calendar Items for Board Attention - None
- B. Suggested Agenda Items – Mr. Shulman would like to look at field trip costs.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ackerman, Horgan; To adjourn at 8:17 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Summative Assessment Results 2022-2023

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Connecticut Metrics

Performance Index: All summative assessments across all grade levels are converted to a common scale. This measure is used by CSDE to show *overall performance* across the district.

ELA/Math:

- ★ SBAC 3-8
- ★ SAT 11

Science:

- ★ NGSS 5, 8, 11

Performance Index

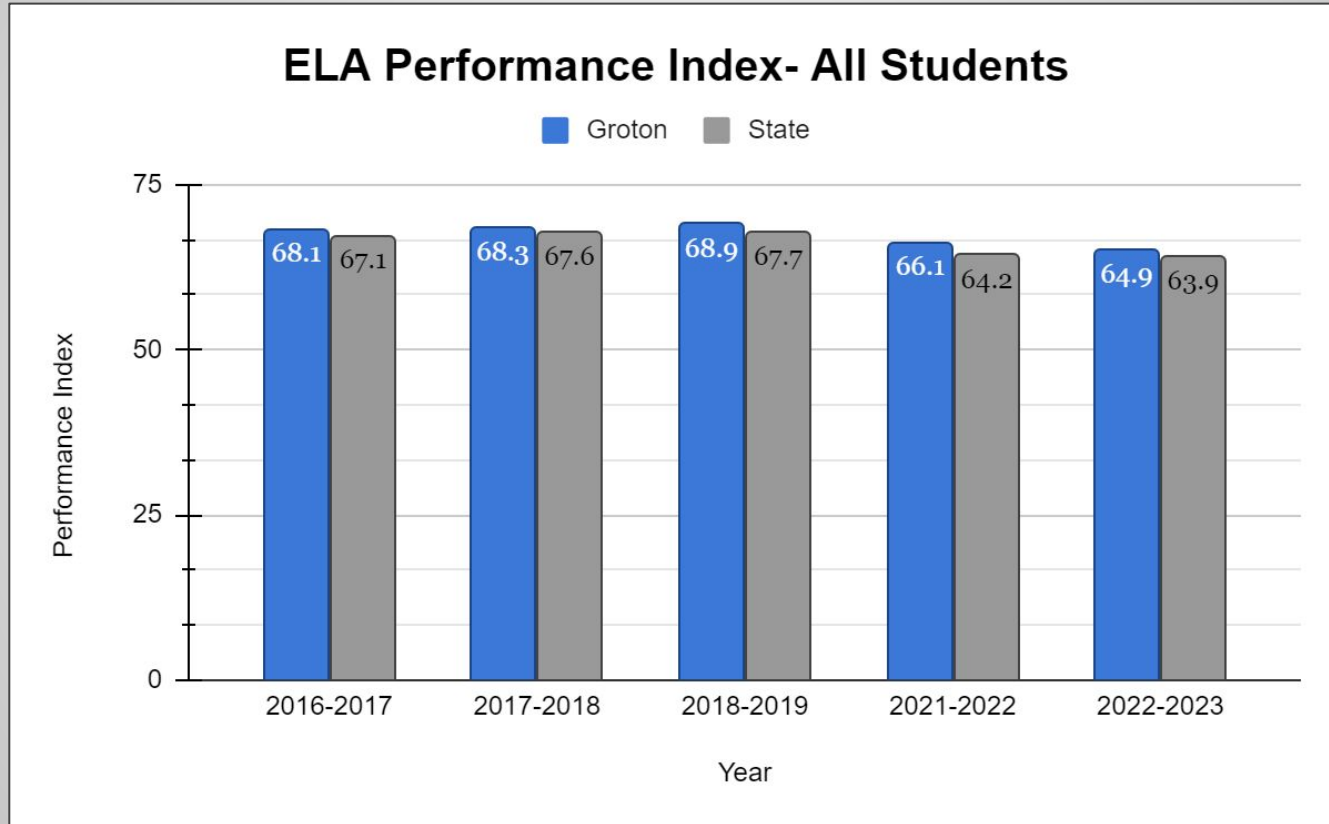
**Used by CSDE to show *overall performance* in a subject area across the district.

It is NOT a percentage,

but rather an average of points with a **target of 75** by **2030** for all school districts. **

ELA Performance Index

Goal: 75



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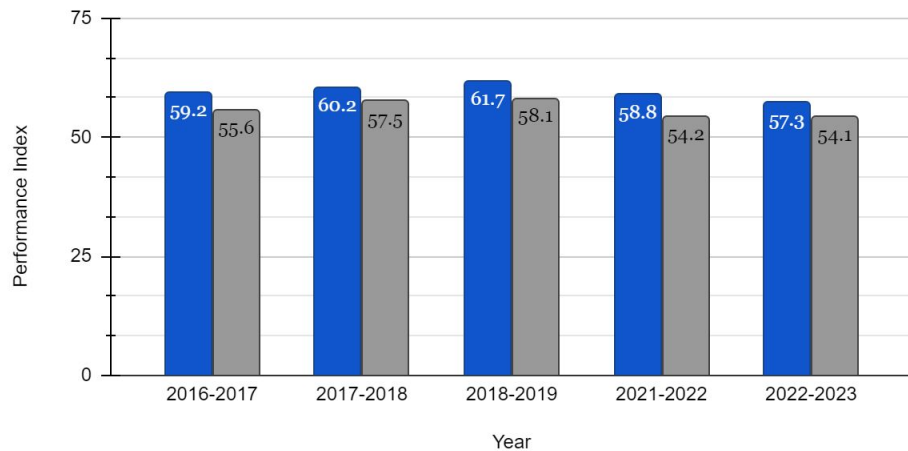
- Special Education
- Multi-Language Learners
- Economically Disadvantaged
(Qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch)

ELA Performance Index

Goal: 75

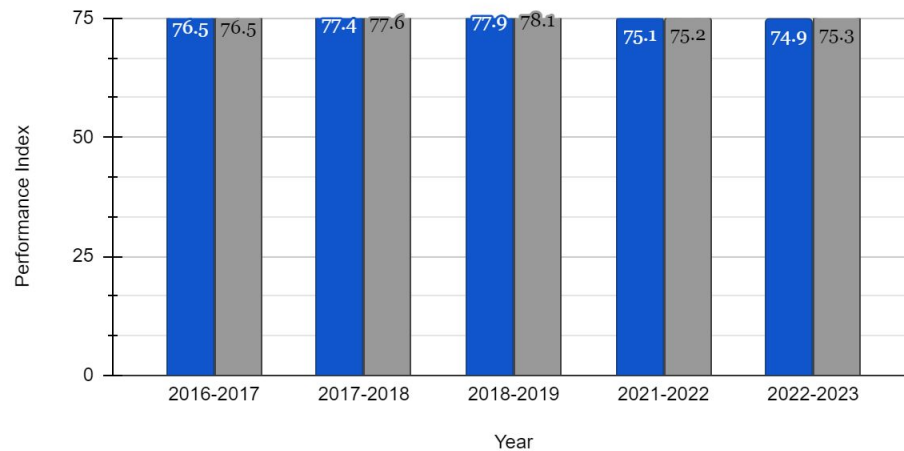
ELA Performance Index- "High Needs"

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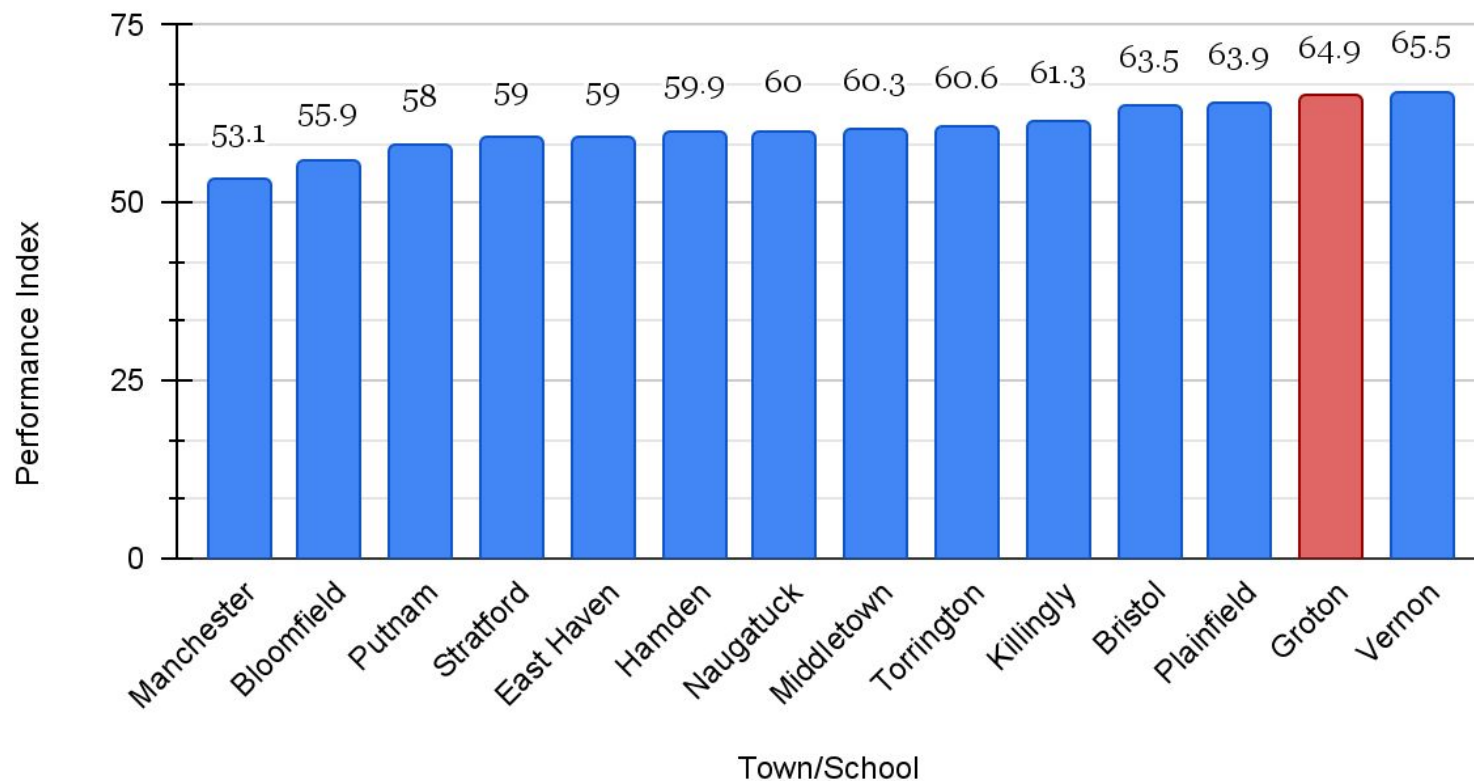


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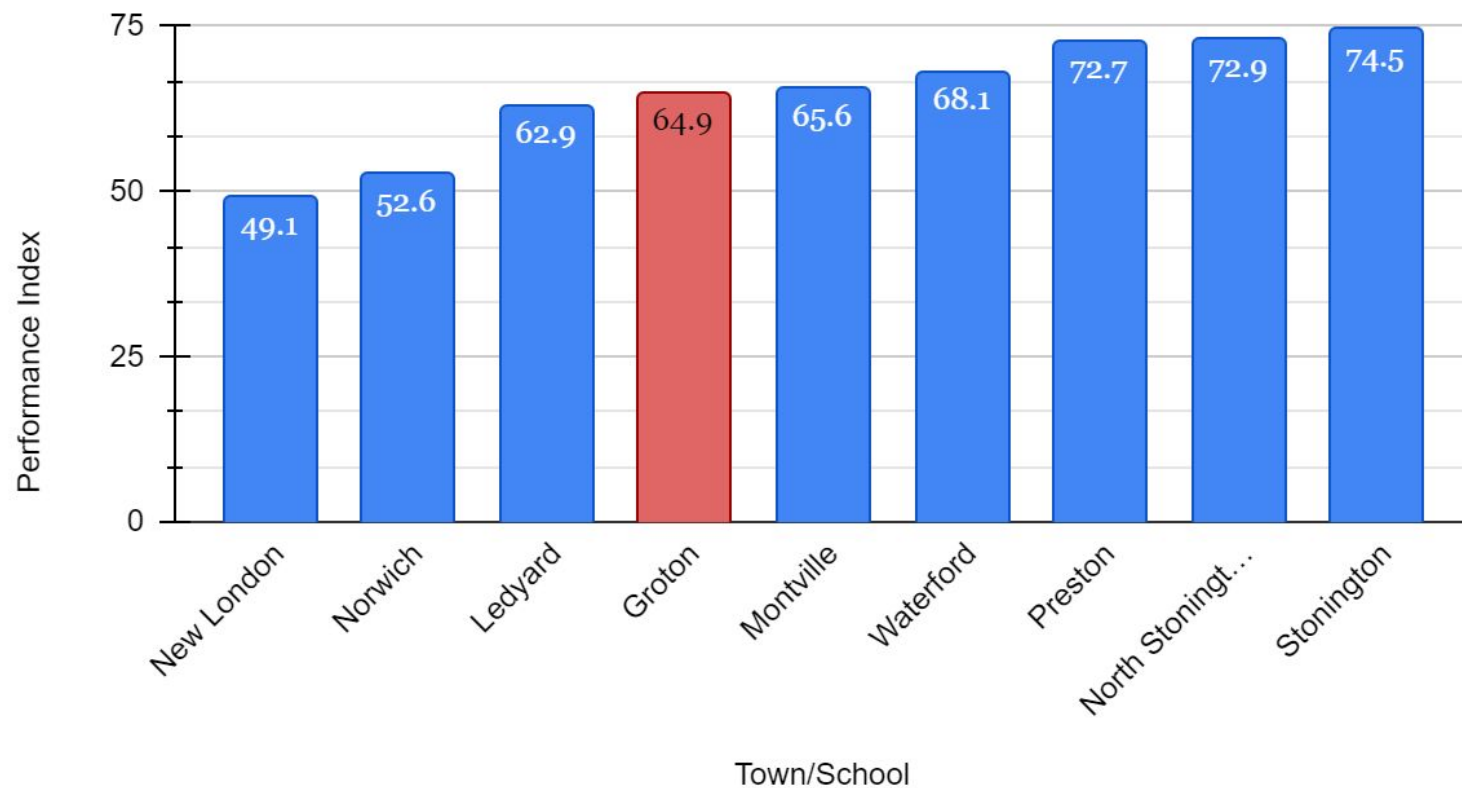
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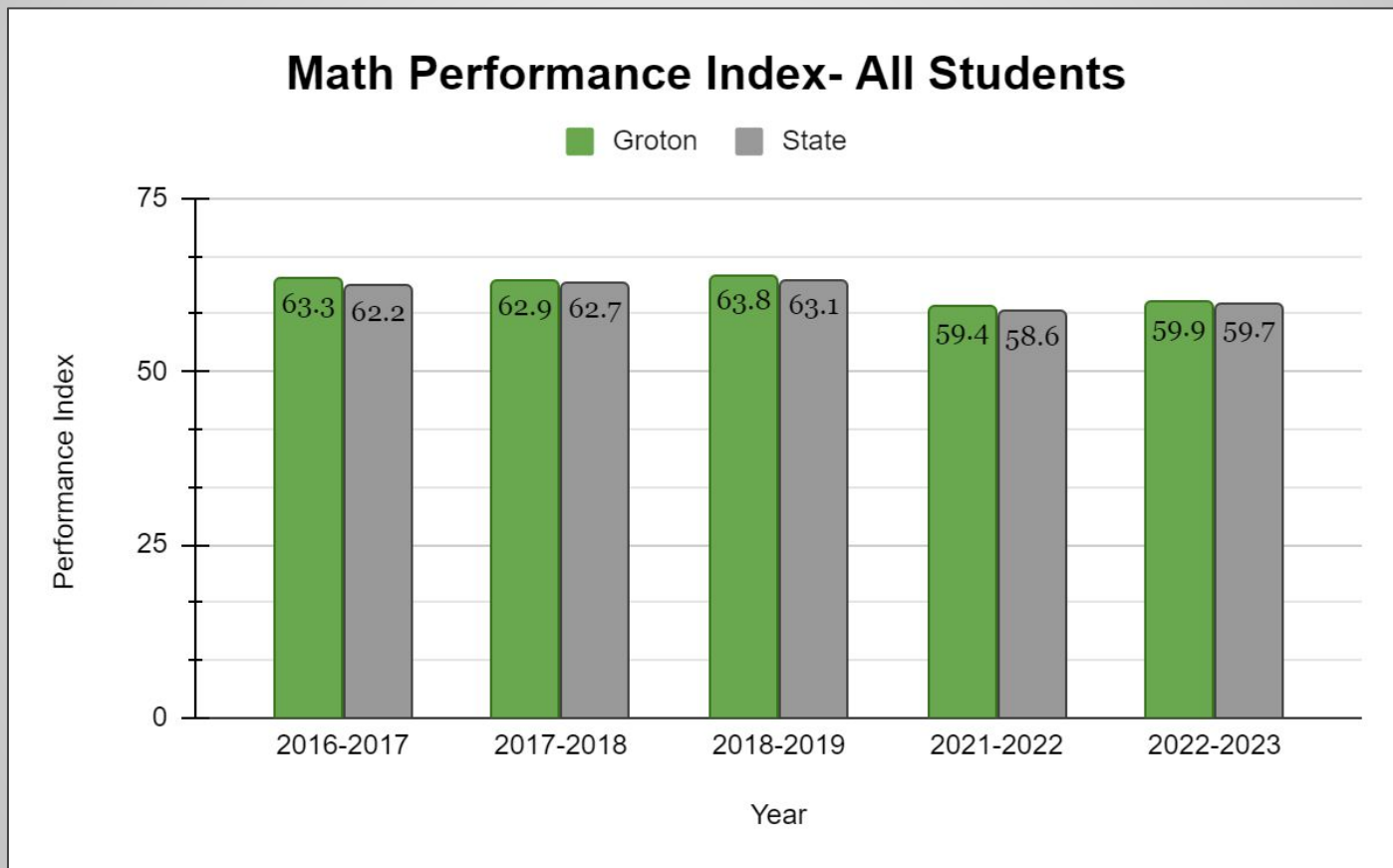


ELA Performance Index by Region



Math Performance Index

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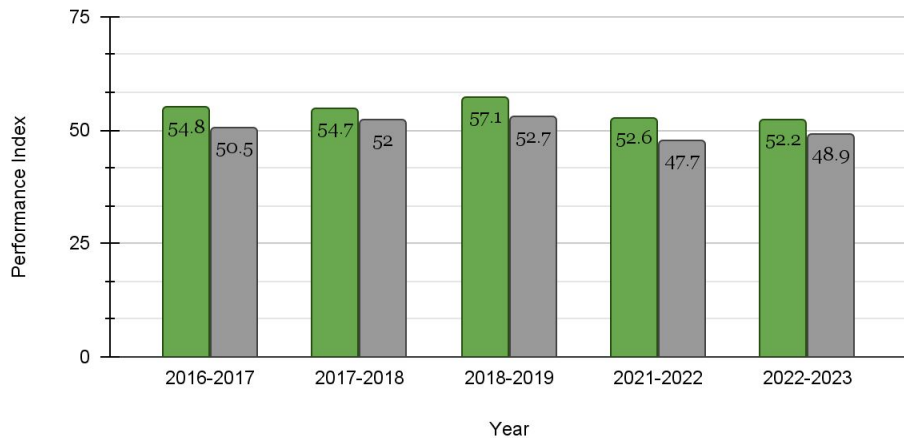


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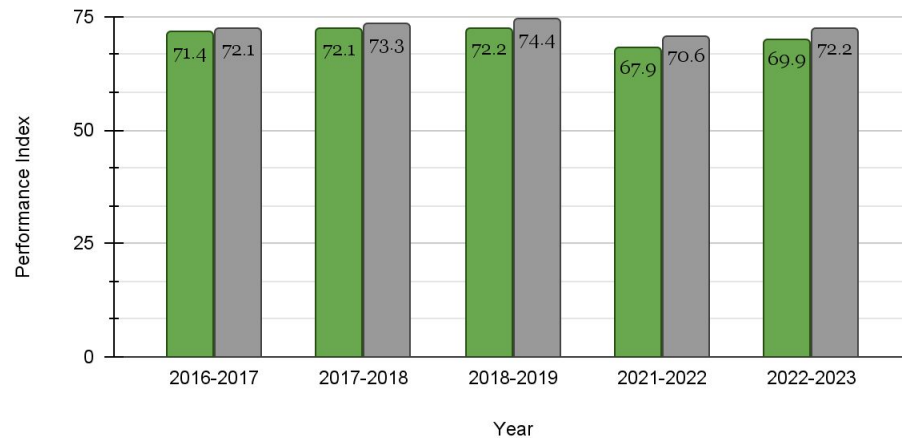
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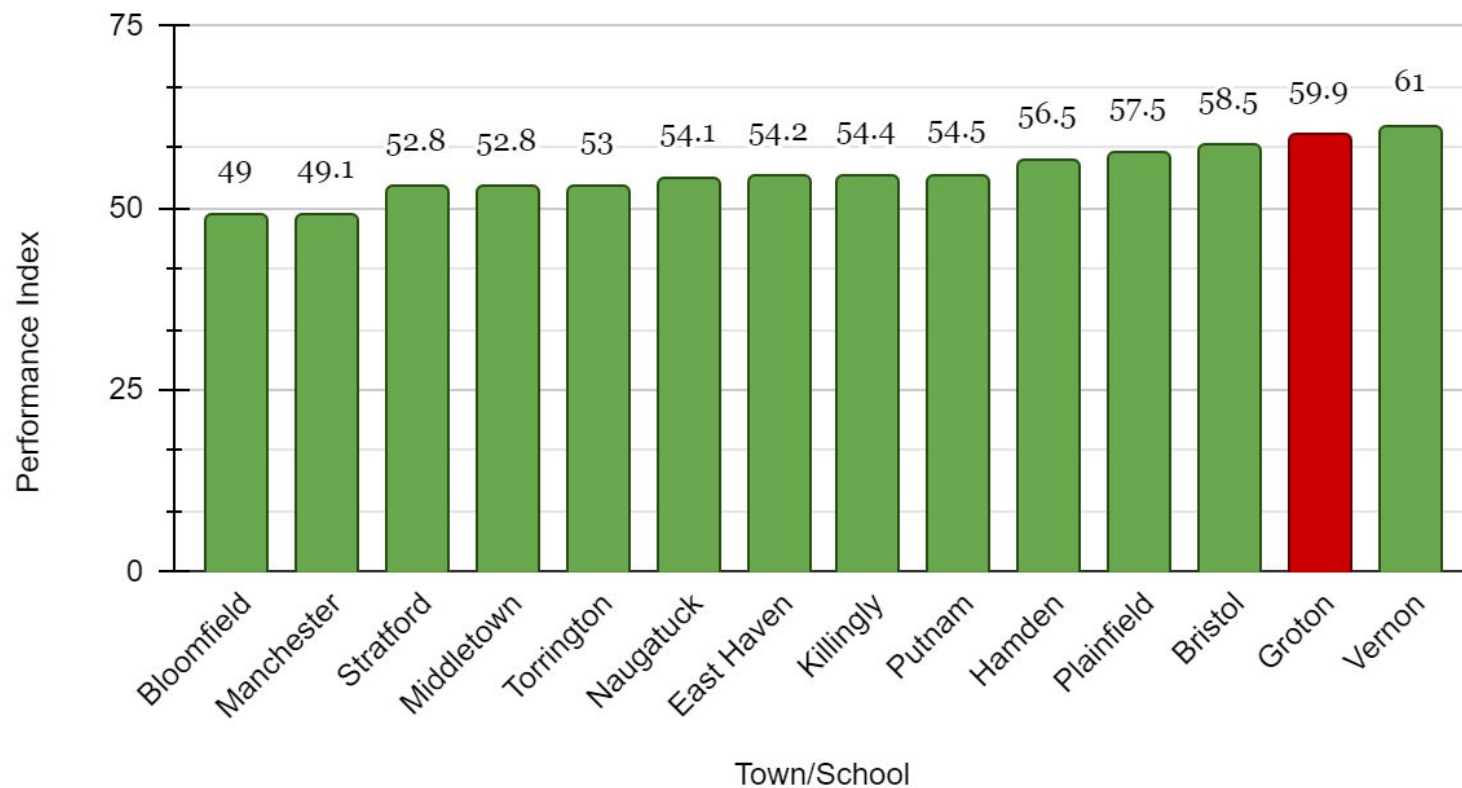


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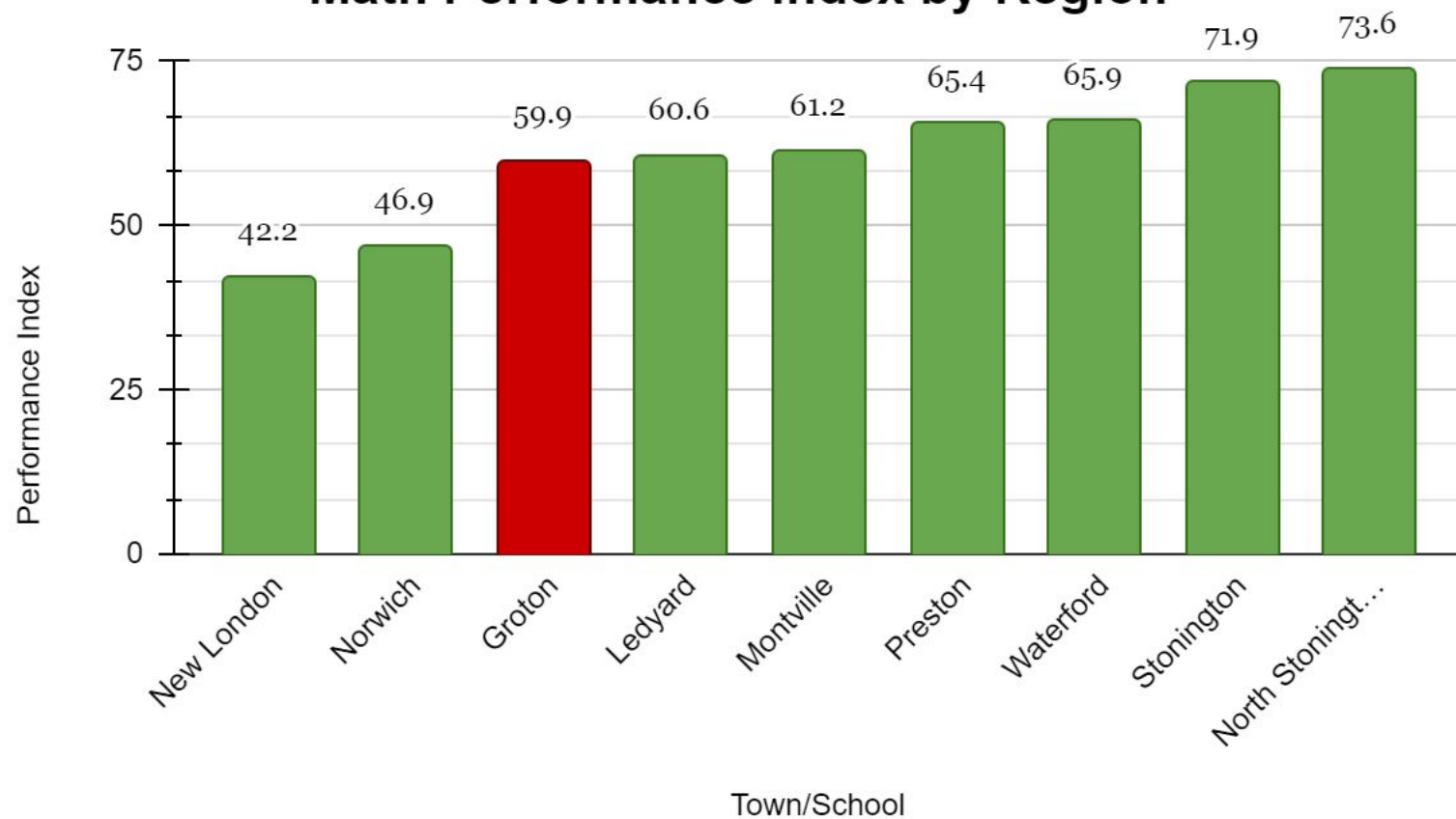
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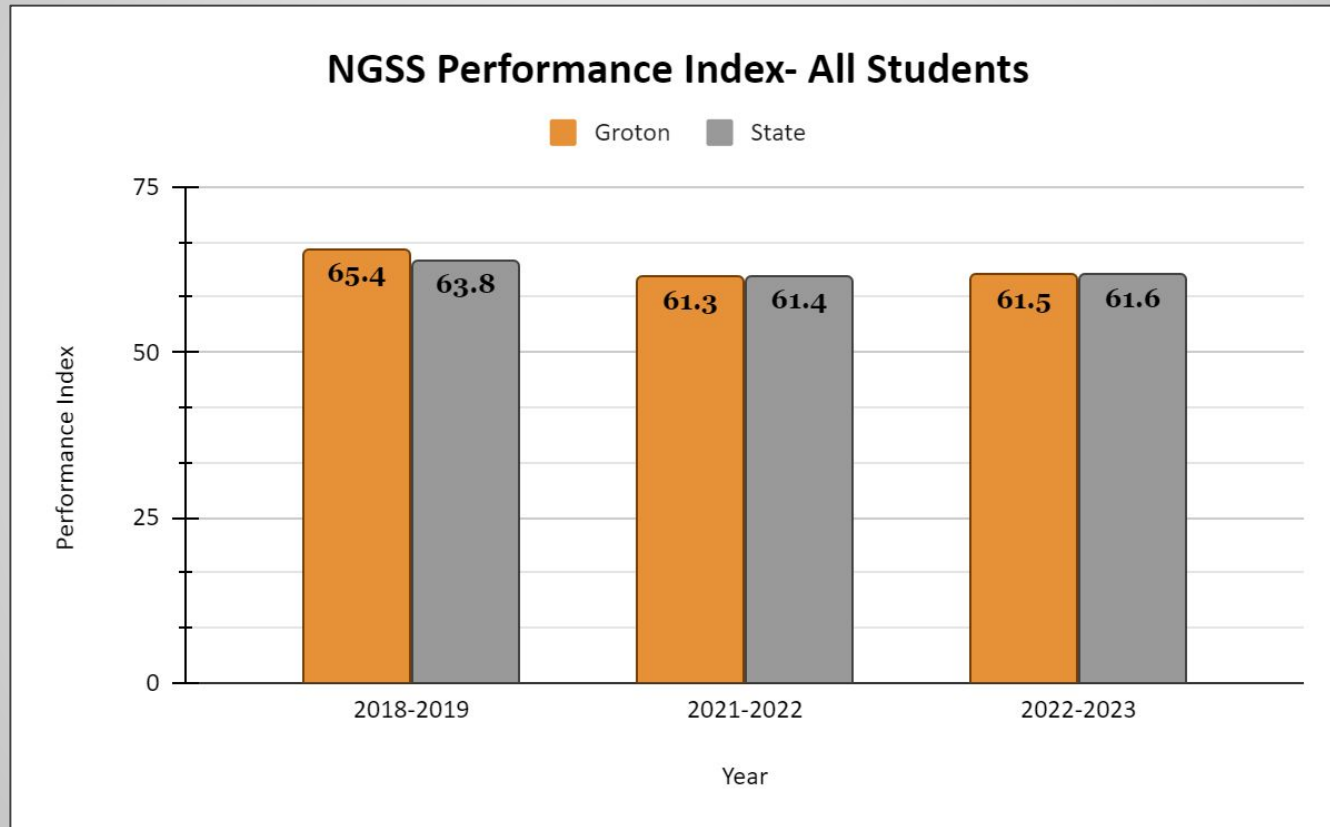


Math Performance Index by Region



NGSS Performance Index

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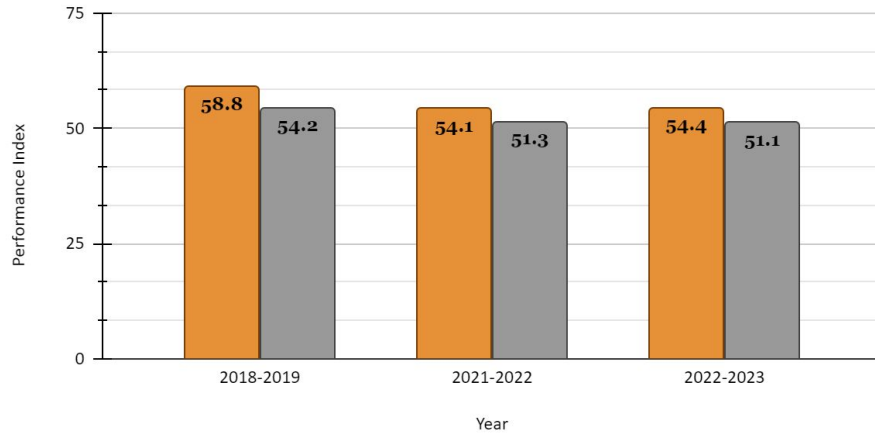


NGSS Performance Index

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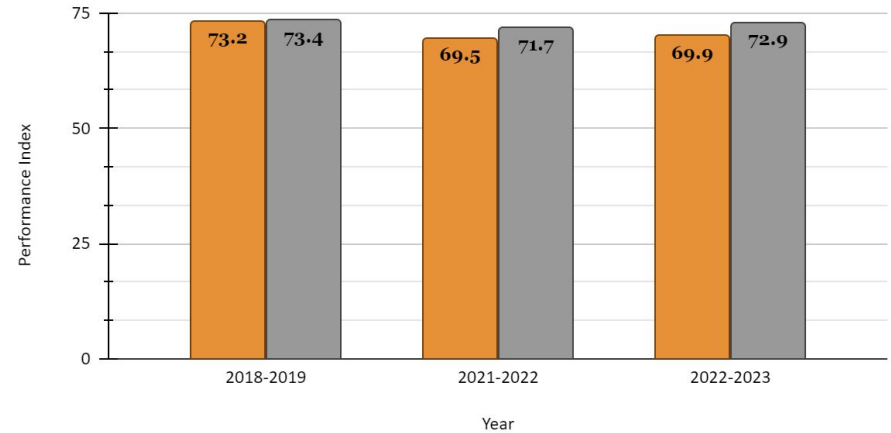
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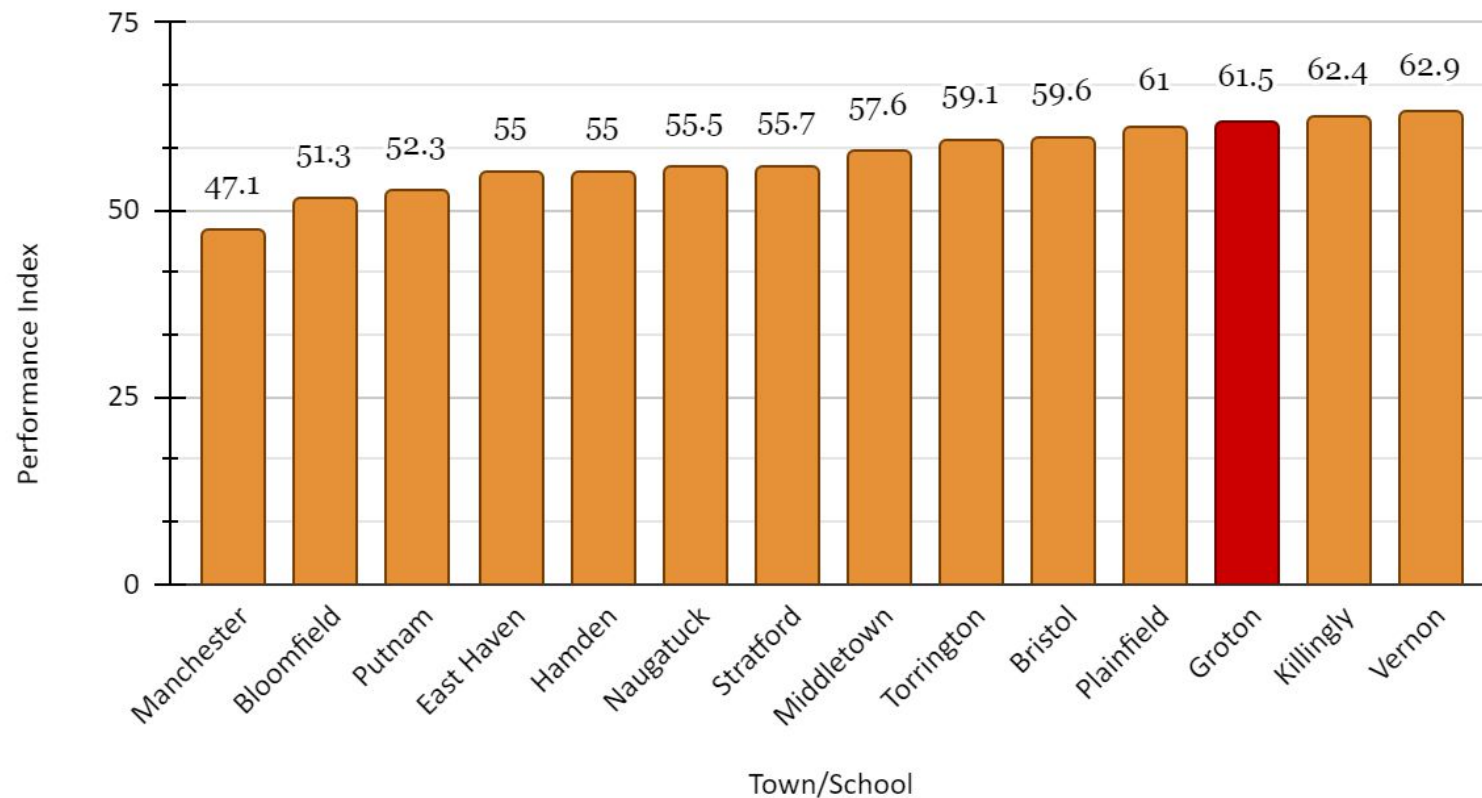


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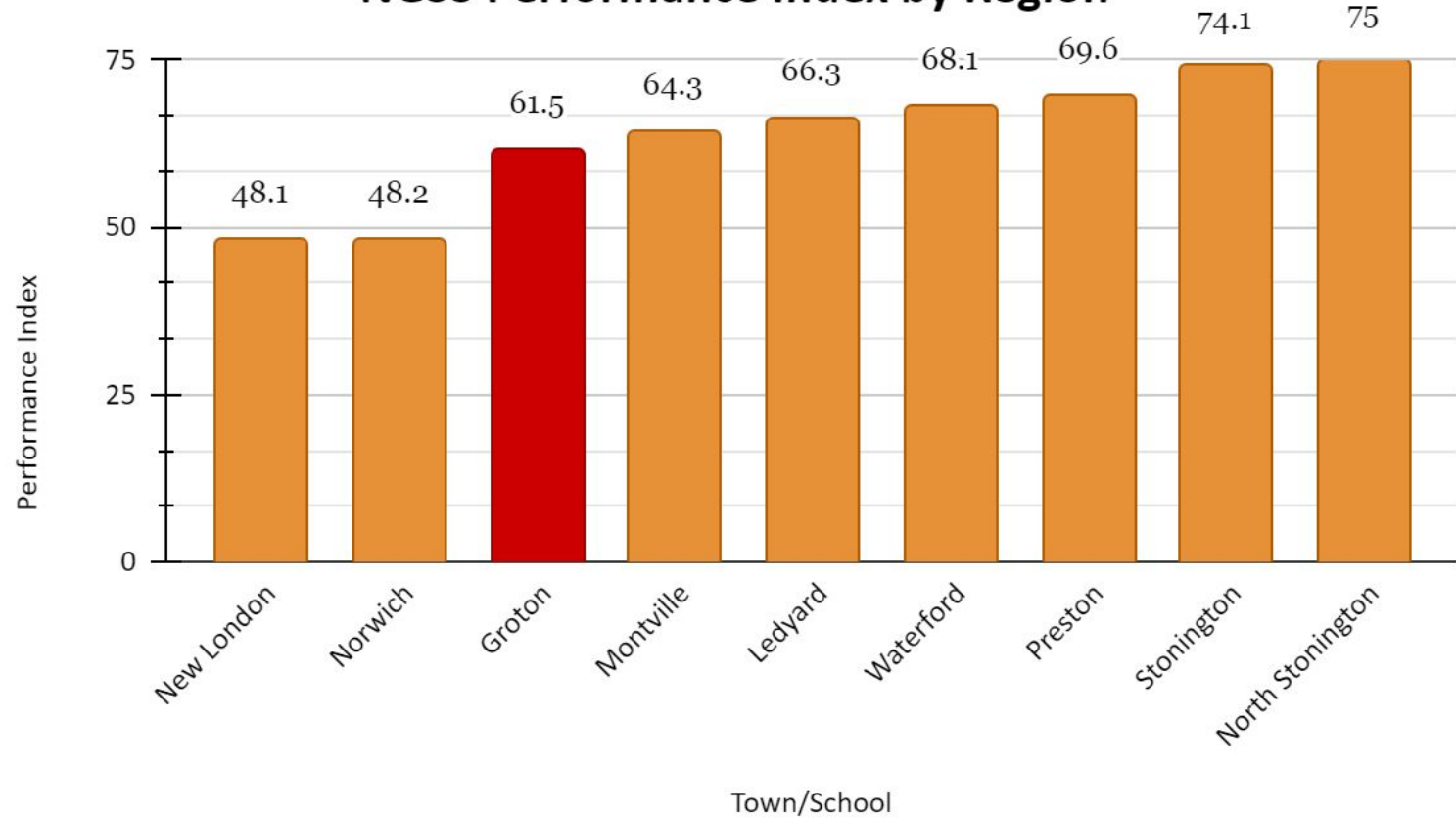
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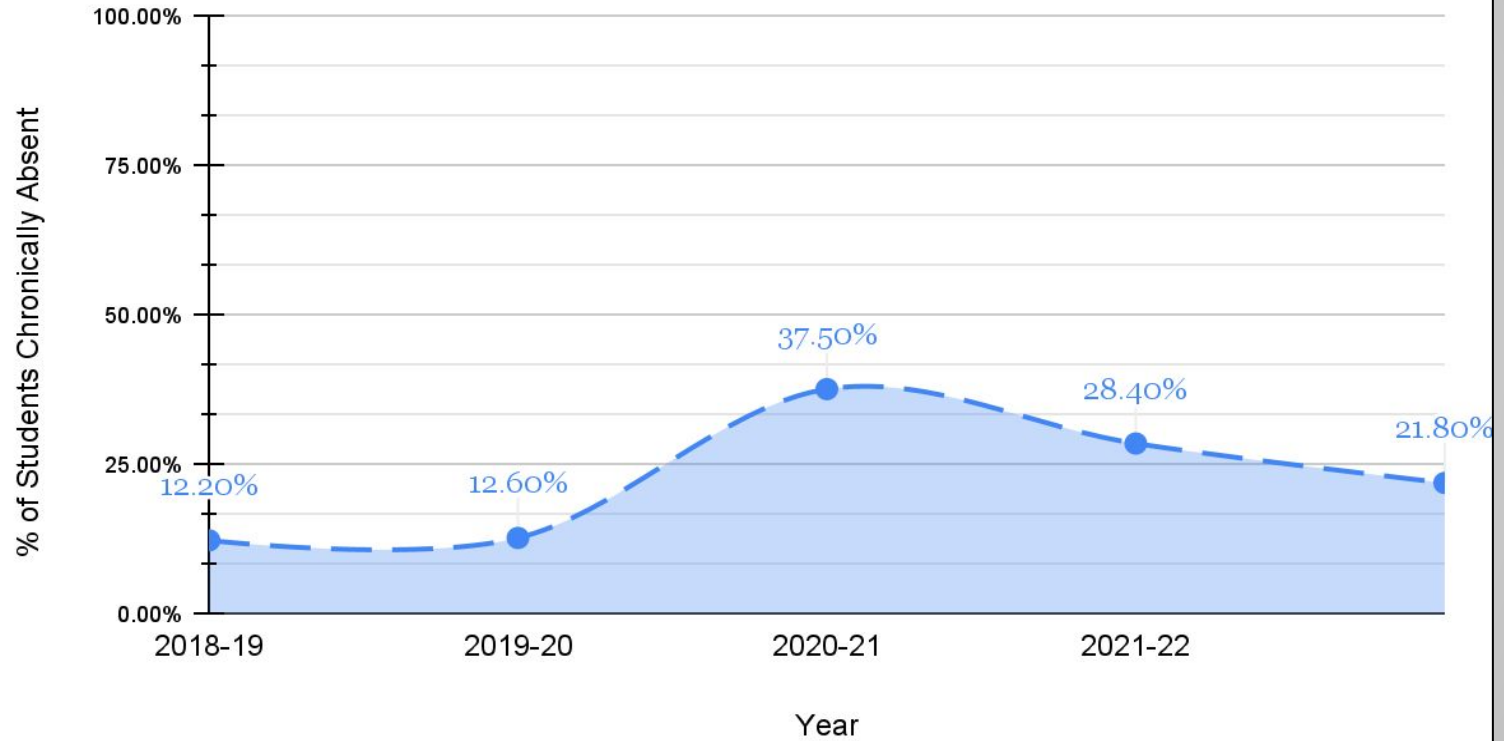
NGSS Performance Index by Region



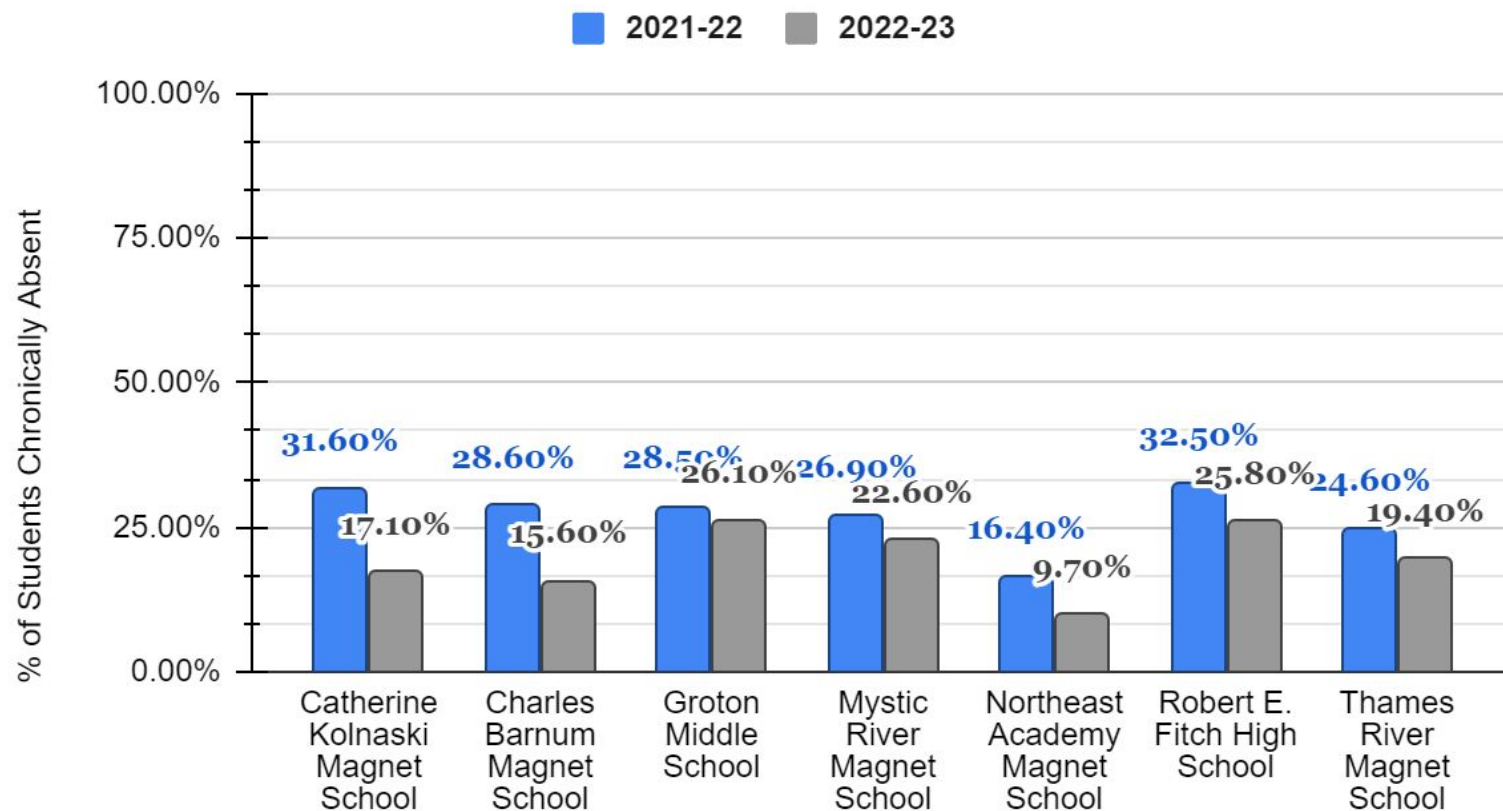
Chronic Absenteeism

Defined as missing 10% or greater of the total number of days enrolled during a specific school year, regardless of reason. Chronic absenteeism focuses on lost instructional time which can have significant implications on student performance.

Groton: Chronic Absenteeism



Chronic Absenteeism by School



District Action Plan to Increase Student Achievement

The Curriculum and Instruction Committee will create a strategic plan for the district to include the following:

- Thorough examination of assessment data to identify areas of strength and areas in need of improvement through district data team and school-level data teams
 - Create action steps to support areas identified as needing improvement
 - Use collected data to make decisions about instruction
- Continue efforts to reduce chronic absenteeism
 - Educate families on the importance of school attendance
 - Clearly articulate district policy and procedures related to attendance
- Strengthen and align MTSS process (K-12)
 - Train staff to implement new assessment tools, identify needs, and monitor progress
 - Provide research-based interventions based on assessment tools
 - Implement a consistent structure to monitor the effectiveness of interventions



2024-2025 Kindergarten Legislation

NEW Connecticut Kindergarten Age Requirements

Beginning with the **2024-2025** school year, children need to turn 5 years old on or before September 1 in order to be automatically eligible for kindergarten.

This is a change from the current kindergarten cutoff date of January 1.

NEW Connecticut Kindergarten Age Requirements

If a child does not meet the new entry cutoff date, he/she may still be admitted into kindergarten upon (1) a written request from the parent or guardian,

and

(2) an assessment completed by the school that determines admitting the child to kindergarten would be developmentally appropriate.

** The state has not provided districts with any guidelines at this time.*

NEW Connecticut Kindergarten Age Requirements

If a child receives special education services and **does not** meet the new entry cutoff date, the child's planning and placement team (PPT) will review/revise the child's individualized education program (IEP) to meet the child's needs during the additional year of preschool.

Please note: Parents may submit a written request for their child to be admitted into kindergarten if they do not meet the new entry cutoff date. The school will complete an assessment to determine whether admitting the child to kindergarten would be developmentally appropriate.

** The state has not provided districts with any guidelines at this time.*

Current Configuration

Thames River Magnet School	Mystic River Magnet School	Charles Barnum	Northeast Academy	Catherine Kolnaski
4 Kindergarten 1 Transitional Kindergarten 1 Prekindergarten 3 Integrated Preschool	4 Kindergarten 1 Prekindergarten 3 Integrated Preschool 1 Self Contained Preschool classroom	3 Kindergarten	4 Kindergarten	4 Kindergarten

19 Kindergarten Classes
2 Prekindergarten

1 Transitional Kindergarten
6 Integrated Preschool

1 Self Contained Preschool

Current Configuration

	Kindergarten	Transitional K
Current	Eligible if turning 5 years old on or before January 1 st of the following year.	Eligible if turning 5 years old between September 2 nd – January 1 st of the following year, with results of the Brigance screener.
Next Year	Eligible if 5 years old on or before September 1 st of current school year.	Eligible if turning 5 between September 2 nd – January 1 st of the following year, with results of the Brigance screener

Focus Group Tasks

- * First meeting held on September 18th
- * Continue regular meetings to engage stakeholder feedback and ideas
- * Develop a plan to address students who will not turning 5 years old on or before September 1st
 - Assessment process
 - Kindergarten/Prekindergarten/Transitional K/Preschool (modifications)
- * Share our plan with the Board of Education.
- * Goal -Share information with families no later than January 2024



Thank You

Date prep: 9.21.23		FY24 Budget Summary Review					
		FY24 Budget			FY24 Actual	Remaining Balance	
Account	Object #s	2023-2024	Expenditures	Encumbered	Total		%
Salaries							
1 Administrators	105-109	5,139,279	1,185,128	3,761,919	4,947,047	192,232	3.7%
2 Teachers	101-104,123-127,151-152	35,924,586	2,734,344	31,969,206	34,703,550	1,221,036	3.4%
3 Non-Cert Aides	110-111,130-131,136,139	4,621,663	289,301	113,279	402,581	4,219,082	91.3%
4 Substitute - Cert & Non-Cert	120-121	1,057,434	52,686	0	52,686	1,004,748	95.0%
5 Clerical	112-114,132-134,144	2,059,296	466,299	0	466,299	1,592,997	77.4%
6 Custodial/Maintenance/Techs	117-118,129,137-138,147-148	3,685,428	805,532	245,919	1,051,451	2,633,977	71.5%
7 Campus Security/Supervision	128	190,167	18,000	0	18,000	172,167	90.5%
8 Total Salaries	100	52,677,853	5,551,289	36,090,324	41,641,613	11,036,240	21.0%
Benefits							
9 Health Insurance	201-202	6,881,439	1,054,335	0	1,054,335	5,827,104	84.7%
10 Workers Comp & Town Pension	211,213	1,089,758	0	0	0	1,089,758	100.0%
11 Social Security & Medicare	212,214	1,571,584	274,056	0	274,056	1,297,528	82.6%
12 Other Benefits	222-227	394,000	237,558	0	237,558	156,442	39.7%
13 Total Benefits	200	9,936,781	1,565,950	0	1,565,950	8,370,831	84.2%
Purchased Services							
14 Instructional Services	321-324	199,894	25,907	10,344	36,251	163,642	81.9%
15 Professional Services	331	308,931	198,720	13,454	212,173	96,758	31.3%
16 Other Prof Services	332	595,000	55,536	0	55,536	539,464	90.7%
17 OT & PT Services	333	750,000	85	0	85	749,915	100.0%
18 Legal	334	71,100	11,152	0	11,152	59,948	84.3%
19 Athletic Officials & Other Athletic Serv	341-342	82,390	25,263	6,221	31,484	50,906	61.8%
20 Computer Network Services	343	164,483	44,419	0	44,419	120,064	73.0%
21 Total Purchased Services	300	2,171,798	361,083	30,019	391,101	1,780,697	82.0%
Property Services							
22 Water & Sewer	410-411	101,807	18,914	0	18,914	82,893	81.4%
23 Trash & Snow Removal	421-422	138,341	15,146	71,334	86,480	51,861	37.5%
24 Repair/Maintenance	430-435,490-491,499	469,068	249,079	153,186	402,265	66,803	14.2%
25 Rental	441	135,267	19,849	69,189	89,038	46,229	34.2%
26 Total Property Services	400	844,483	302,988	293,709	596,697	247,786	29.3%
Transportation, Insurance, Communications, Tuition							
27 Transportation: Schools	510-513	6,171,636	315,398	0	315,398	5,856,238	94.9%
28 Transportation: Student Activities	587-596	133,098	2,519	22,520	25,039	108,059	81.2%
29 Transportation: Staff	580-584	97,950	7,449	0	7,449	90,501	92.4%
30 Insurance	522,525	457,874	453,809	0	453,809	4,065	0.9%
31 Communications	530-552	145,192	69,141	1,130	70,271	74,921	51.6%
32 Tuition: Special Education	561-563,568	4,068,674	80,557	0	80,557	3,988,117	98.0%
33 Tuition: Other	564-567	1,218,720	207,000	0	207,000	1,011,720	83.0%
34 Total Trans, Ins, Comm, Tuition	500	12,293,144	1,135,873	23,650	1,159,522	11,133,622	90.6%
Supplies							
35 Instructional Supplies	601-609,613-619,622-623,628	394,034	159,351	73,093	232,444	161,590	41.0%
36 Computer Supplies	610-612	219,575	511,787	132,644	644,431	(424,856)	(193.5%)
37 Electricity & Heating	631-633	1,652,798	300,919	22,392	323,311	1,329,487	80.4%
38 Transportation Supplies	634,656	374,029	24,136	0	24,136	349,893	93.5%
39 Textbooks & Library Books	640-642,645,647	41,818	11,347	13,206	24,553	17,265	41.3%
40 Facility/Maintenance Supplies	650,652-655,657,659	271,078	100,106	33,919	134,026	137,052	50.6%
41 Other Supplies (staff dev, PPE, etc)	621,624-627,690	67,410	10,063	10,668	20,731	46,679	69.2%
42 Total Supplies	600	3,020,742	1,117,709	285,923	1,403,632	1,617,110	53.5%
Equipment							
43 Instructional Equipment	730,735	43,934	4,171	7,501	11,672	32,262	73.4%
44 Non-Instructional Equip	731,736	10,000	13,166	3,032	16,198	(6,198)	(62.0%)
45 Total Equipment	700	53,934	17,336	10,533	27,869	26,065	48.3%
Total Dues & Fees							
46 Total Dues & Fees	800	86,961	71,211	1,550	72,761	14,200	16.3%
GRAND TOTAL		81,085,696	10,123,438	36,735,707	46,859,145	34,226,550	42.2%

Groton Public Schools

Date prep: 9.21.23		FY24 Budget Summary Review					
		FY24 Budget			FY24 Actual	Remaining Balance	
Account	Object #s	2023-2024	Expenditures	Encumbered	Total		%
Salaries							
Administrators							
48	Administrators	105	1,225,814	331,574	881,648	1,213,222	12,592 1.0%
49	Principals	106	1,176,065	236,949	762,388	999,337	176,728 15.0%
50	Asst. Principals/Sp.Ed. Supv	107	2,404,422	539,765	1,861,746	2,401,511	2,911 0.1%
51	6-12 Curriculum Coordinators	108	181,586	41,904	139,681	181,586	1 0.0%
52	Athletic Director	109	151,392	34,937	116,455	151,392	0 0.0%
53			5,139,279	1,185,128	3,761,919	4,947,047	192,232 3.7%
Teachers							
54	Classroom Teachers	101 & 151	25,434,454	1,981,985	23,533,140	25,515,125	(80,671) (0.3%)
55	Sp.Ed Certified	102	8,027,872	579,915	6,888,251	7,468,166	559,706 7.0%
56	Media Specialist	103	710,122	51,385	643,414	694,799	15,323 2.2%
57	Guidance	104	1,157,759	72,887	904,402	977,289	180,470 15.6%
	Summer School	123	62,869	42,534	0	42,534	20,335 32.3%
58	Adult Ed	124	42,230	1,236	0	1,236	40,994 97.1%
59	Coach Stipends	126	350,867	4,402	0	4,402	346,465 98.7%
60	Other Student Activities	127	138,413	0	0	0	138,413 100.0%
61			35,924,586	2,734,344	31,969,206	34,703,550	1,221,036 3.4%
Other Staff							
62	Reg.Ed Aides - Kindergarten	110 & 130	474,630	16,118	0	16,118	458,512 96.6%
63	Sp.Ed Aides - Para I & Para II	111 & 131	3,081,335	98,931	0	98,931	2,982,404 96.8%
64	Tutors	125 & 152	458,450	79,168	0	79,168	379,282 82.7%
65	School Bus Aides	136	446,772	47,428	0	47,428	399,344 89.4%
66	Other Non-Certified Personnel	139 & 119	160,476	47,657	113,279	160,936	(460) (0.3%)
67			4,621,663	289,301	113,279	402,581	4,219,082 91.3%
Substitute							
68	Substitute Reg.Ed Certified	120	967,567	52,686	0	52,686	914,881 94.6%
69	Substitute Spec.Ed Certified	121	89,867	0	0	0	89,867 100.0%
70			1,057,434	52,686	0	52,686	1,004,748 95.0%
Clerical							
71	Clerical	112*113*114*132*133*134*143*144	2,059,296	466,299	0	466,299	1,592,997 77.4%
Custodial/Maintenance/Techs							
72	Custodial	117 & 137	1,963,442	453,157	59,950	513,107	1,450,335 73.9%
73	Maintenance	118 & 138	874,573	166,344	58,846	225,190	649,383 74.3%
74	Custodial/Maintenance Overtime	147 & 148	110,500	9,064	0	9,064	101,436 91.8%
75	Technicians	129 & 149	736,913	176,967	127,123	304,090	432,823 58.7%
76			3,685,428	805,532	245,919	1,051,451	2,633,977 71.5%
Security							
77	Security/Supervision	128	190,167	18,000	0	18,000	172,167 90.5%
78	Total Salaries		52,677,853	5,551,289	36,090,324	41,641,613	11,036,240 21.0%
Benefits							
Health Insurance							
79	Group Ins. Prof	201	5,507,319	1,054,335	0	1,054,335	4,452,984 80.9%
80	Group Ins. Other	202	1,374,120	0	0	0	1,374,120 100.0%
81			6,881,439	1,054,335	0	1,054,335	5,827,104 84.7%
Workers Comp & Town Pension							
82	Worker's Compensation	211	352,258	0	0	0	352,258 100.0%
83	Town Pension	213	737,500	0	0	0	737,500 100.0%
84			1,089,758	0	0	0	1,089,758 100.0%
Social Security & Medicare							
85	Social Security	212	807,754	120,319	0	120,319	687,435 85.1%
86	Medicare	214	763,830	153,738	0	153,738	610,092 79.9%
87			1,571,584	274,056	0	274,056	1,297,528 82.6%
Other Employee Benefits							
88	Retirement Awards	222	242,500	199,103	0	199,103	43,397 17.9%
89	Unemployment	223	35,000	0	0	0	35,000 100.0%
90	Tuition Reimb Certified	224	115,000	36,956	0	36,956	78,045 67.9%
91	EAP	226	0	0	0	0	0 0.0%
92	Mentor Stipend	227	1,500	1,500	0	1,500	0 0.0%
93			394,000	237,558	0	237,558	156,442 39.7%
94	Total Benefits		9,936,781	1,565,950	0	1,565,950	8,370,831 84.2%

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Account	Object #s	2023-2024	Expenditures	Encumbered	Total		%
Purchased Services							
Instructional Services							
95	Instructional Services	321 & 323	97,919	130	0	130	97,789 99.9%
96	Instruct Improvement Services	322 & 324	101,975	25,777	10,344	36,121	65,854 64.6%
97			199,894	25,907	10,344	36,251	163,642 81.9%
Professional Services							
98	Professional Services	331	308,931	198,720	13,454	212,173	96,758 31.3%
99	Other Professional Services	332	595,000	55,536	0	55,536	539,464 90.7%
100	OT & PT Services	333	750,000	85	0	85	749,915 100.0%
101	Legal Services	334	71,100	11,152	0	11,152	59,948 84.3%
102			1,725,031	265,493	13,454	278,947	1,446,084 83.8%
Athletic Officials & Other Athletic Services							
103	Athletic Officials	341	63,550	21,823	0	21,823	41,727 65.7%
104	Other Athletic Services	342	18,840	3,440	6,221	9,661	9,179 48.7%
105			82,390	25,263	6,221	31,484	50,906 61.8%
Computer Network Services							
106	Computer Network Services	343	164,483	44,419	0	44,419	120,064 73.0%
107	Total Purchased Services		2,171,798	361,083	30,019	391,101	1,780,697 82.0%
Property Services							
Water/Sewer							
108	Water	410	66,844	9,934	0	9,934	56,910 85.1%
109	Sewer	411	34,963	8,980	0	8,980	25,983 74.3%
110			101,807	18,914	0	18,914	82,893 81.4%
Trash & Snow Removal							
111	Trash Removal	421	88,341	15,146	71,334	86,480	1,861 2.1%
112	Snow Removal	422	50,000	0	0	0	50,000 100.0%
113			138,341	15,146	71,334	86,480	51,861 37.5%
Repair/Maintenance							
114	Equipment Repairs	430	101,944	16,304	871	17,175	84,769 83.2%
115	Grounds Repairs	431	191,510	138,653	105,612	244,265	(52,755) (27.5%)
116	General Bldg Repairs	432	27,135	13,033	0	13,033	14,102 52.0%
117	Painting	433	5,146	0	0	0	5,146 100.0%
118	Heat & Plumbing	434	48,400	34,790	36,582	71,372	(22,972) (47.5%)
119	Electrical	435	10,239	0	0	0	10,239 100.0%
120	Extermination Services	490	12,259	4,517	350	4,867	7,392 60.3%
121	Bldg Fire Protection	491	48,289	22,878	6,660	29,538	18,751 38.8%
122	Bldg Safety Services	492	0	0	0	0	0
123	Other Purch Services	499	24,146	18,905	3,111	22,016	2,130 8.8%
124			469,068	249,079	153,186	402,265	66,803 14.2%
Rental							
125	Rental	441	135,267	19,849	69,189	89,038	46,229 34.2%
126	Total Property Services		844,483	302,988	293,709	596,697	247,786 29.3%
Transportation, Insurance, Communications, Tuition							
Transportation: Schools							
127	Reg.Ed Pupil Transportation	510 & 516	3,580,347	183,546	0	183,546	3,396,801 94.9%
128	Sp.Ed - Trans - STA	511	1,573,150	9,168	0	9,168	1,563,982 99.4%
129	Sp.Ed - Trans - Curtin	512	1,018,139	122,685	0	122,685	895,454 88.0%
130	Pupil Transp Reimbursement	513	0	0	0	0	0
131			6,171,636	315,398	0	315,398	5,856,238 94.9%
Transportation: Other							
132	Transportation - Athletics	587	98,100	419	18,965	19,384	78,716 80.2%
133	Transportation - Field Trips	588	18,688	0	3,555	3,555	15,133 81.0%
134	Entry Fees - Athletics	591 & 592	13,175	2,100	0	2,100	11,075 84.1%
135	Admission Fees	595	3,135	0	0	0	3,135 100.0%
136	Misc Fees	590 & 596	0	0	0	0	0
137			133,098	2,519	22,520	25,039	108,059 81.2%
Transportation: Staff							
138	Travel - Education	580 & 581	5,900	101	0	101	5,799 98.3%
139	Travel - Admin	582 & 583	30,500	5,327	0	5,327	25,173 82.5%
140	Travel - Conferences	584	61,550	2,021	0	2,021	59,529 96.7%
141			97,950	7,449	0	7,449	90,501 92.4%

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Account	Object #s	2023-2024	Expenditures	Encumbered	Total	Balance	%
Accident Insurance							
Liability Insurance	522	442,702	440,399	0	440,399	2,303	0.5%
Accident Insurance	525	15,172	13,410	0	13,410	1,762	11.6%
		457,874	453,809	0	453,809	4,065	0.9%
Communications							
Telephone, Telephone Repairs	530	106,400	51,575	0	51,575	54,825	51.5%
Postage	531	23,250	7,485	0	7,485	15,765	67.8%
Advertisement	540	5,000	2,622	1,130	3,752	1,248	25.0%
Minority Recruitment	541	0	0	0	0	0	
Printing Admin	550	9,542	7,459	0	7,459	2,083	21.8%
School Publications	551 & 552	1,000	0	0	0	1,000	100.0%
		145,192	69,141	1,130	70,271	74,921	51.6%
Special Education							
Sp.Ed Vocational	561	411,956	11,416	0	11,416	400,540	97.2%
Sp.Ed BoE Placements	562	2,557,373	54,709	0	54,709	2,502,664	97.9%
Sp.Ed State Placements	563	329,060	14,432	0	14,432	314,628	95.6%
Sp.Ed Magnet Choice	568	770,285	0	0	0	770,285	100.0%
		4,068,674	80,557	0	80,557	3,988,117	98.0%
Other							
Adult Ed	564	210,105	207,000	0	207,000	3,105	1.5%
Gen Ed Magnet Tuition	566	885,801	0	0	0	885,801	100.0%
Gen Ed Vo Ag Tuition	567	122,814	0	0	0	122,814	100.0%
		1,218,720	207,000	0	207,000	1,011,720	83.0%
Total Transportation, Insurance, Communication, Tuition		12,293,144	1,135,873	23,650	1,159,522	11,133,622	90.6%
Supplies							
Instructional Supplies							
General Classroom	601	128,968	109,213	21,868	131,081	(2,113)	(1.6%)
Science	602	6,550	270	2,637	2,908	3,642	55.6%
Arts & Crafts	603	19,400	10,429	8,979	19,408	(8)	(0.0%)
Phys. Ed	604	6,350	2,255	1,606	3,861	2,489	39.2%
Music	605	10,650	3,533	3,497	7,030	3,620	34.0%
Kindergarten	606	1,600	0	0	0	1,600	100.0%
Pupil Tests	607	56,000	2,671	17,386	20,057	35,943	64.2%
Tech. Ed	609	8,750	4,593	684	5,277	3,473	39.7%
Home Ec Supplies	613	5,500	782	417	1,199	4,301	78.2%
Sp.Ed Supplies	615	56,000	6,132	6,097	12,229	43,771	78.2%
Athletic Supplies	616	55,950	12,297	7,549	19,845	36,105	64.5%
Math Supplies	617	3,275	972	0	972	2,303	70.3%
Health Supplies	618	850	0	0	0	850	100.0%
Other Supplies	619	1,391	335	100	435	956	68.7%
Health Serv Pathogen	622	5,750	131	71	202	5,548	96.5%
School Library Supplies	623	2,275	356	227	583	1,692	74.4%
Food, Drink, Snacks	628	24,775	5,382	1,975	7,357	17,418	70.3%
Distance Learning Supplies	691	0	0	0	0	0	
		394,034	159,351	73,093	232,444	161,590	41.0%
Computer Supplies							
Computer Supplies	610 & 611	31,900	13,398	2,072	15,469	16,431	51.5%
Software	612	187,675	498,389	130,572	628,962	(441,287)	(235.1%)
		219,575	511,787	132,644	644,431	(424,856)	(193.5%)
Electricity & Heating							
Electricity	631	1,097,073	243,969	22,392	266,361	830,712	75.7%
Propane/Natural Gas	632	338,350	20,241	0	20,241	318,109	94.0%
Heating Oil	633	217,375	36,709	0	36,709	180,666	83.1%
		1,652,798	300,919	22,392	323,311	1,329,487	80.4%
Transportation Supplies							
Diesel for School Buses	634	330,553	21,411	0	21,411	309,142	93.5%
Gas for Maintenance	656	43,476	2,725	0	2,725	40,751	93.7%
		374,029	24,136	0	24,136	349,893	93.5%
Textbooks & Library Books							
Textbooks	640	22,285	9,662	3,710	13,372	8,913	40.0%
Workbooks	641	11,383	1,192	9,496	10,687	696	6.1%
Textbook Rebind	642	200	0	0	0	200	100.0%
Library Books	645	6,950	0	0	0	6,950	100.0%
Periodicals	647	1,000	493	0	493	507	50.7%
		41,818	11,347	13,206	24,553	17,265	41.3%

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		FY24 Budget			FY24 Actual	Remaining	
Account	Object #s	2023-2024	Expenditures	Encumbered	Total	Balance	%
Facility/Maintenance Supplies							
197	Equipment Repair	650	23,315	4,092	346	4,438	18,877 81.0%
198	Grounds Supplies	651	19,527	820	1,875	2,695	16,832 86.2%
199	General Bldg Repair	652	62,839	6,876	4,607	11,484	51,355 81.7%
200	Painting	653	2,500	2,789	684	3,473	(973) (38.9%)
201	Heat & Plumbing	654	34,053	33,178	25,565	58,744	(24,691) (72.5%)
202	Electrical	655	30,247	5,892	458	6,350	23,897 79.0%
203	Safety Supplies	657 & 659	12,447	5,000	0	5,000	7,447 59.8%
204	Custodial Supplies	658	86,150	41,459	383	41,842	44,308 51.4%
205			271,078	100,106	33,919	134,026	137,052 50.6%
Other Supplies							
206	Sup Serv Guid Imp Ins	621	20,100	1,947	3,385	5,332	14,768 73.5%
207	Audio Visual	624 & 625	9,700	0	0	0	9,700 100.0%
208	General Admin Supplies	626	12,110	2,140	4,828	6,968	5,142 42.5%
209	School Admin Supplies	627	7,500	4,270	1,703	5,973	1,527 20.4%
210	Professional Materials	690	18,000	1,706	753	2,459	15,542 86.3%
211	Personal Protective Equipment	692 & 693	0	0	0	0	0
212			67,410	10,063	10,668	20,731	46,679 69.2%
213	Total Supplies		3,020,742	1,117,709	285,923	1,403,632	1,617,110 53.5%
Equipment							
Instructional Equipment							
214	Replace Instr Equip	730	13,350	896	0	896	12,454 93.3%
215	Add Instr Equipment	735	30,584	3,275	7,501	10,776	19,808 64.8%
216			43,934	4,171	7,501	11,672	32,262 73.4%
Non-Instructional Equipment							
217	Replace Non-Instr Equipment	731	10,000	11,933	989	12,922	(2,922) (29.2%)
218	Add Non-Instr Equipment	736	0	1,233	2,043	3,276	(3,276)
219			10,000	13,166	3,032	16,198	(6,198) (62.0%)
220	Total Equipment		53,934	17,336	10,533	27,869	26,065 48.3%
Dues - Fees							
Dues/Fees							
221	Dues BoE	810	25,541	22,540	0	22,540	3,001 11.7%
222	General Admin Dues	811	15,725	11,231	1,550	12,781	2,944 18.7%
223	School Admin Dues	812	35,700	33,840	0	33,840	1,860 5.2%
224	Other Dues	819	9,995	3,600	0	3,600	6,395 64.0%
225	Total Dues/Fees		86,961	71,211	1,550	72,761	14,200 16.3%
226	Grand Total		81,085,696	10,123,438	36,735,707	46,859,145	34,226,550 42.2%

Cost vs Budget Dashboard - data through July 2023

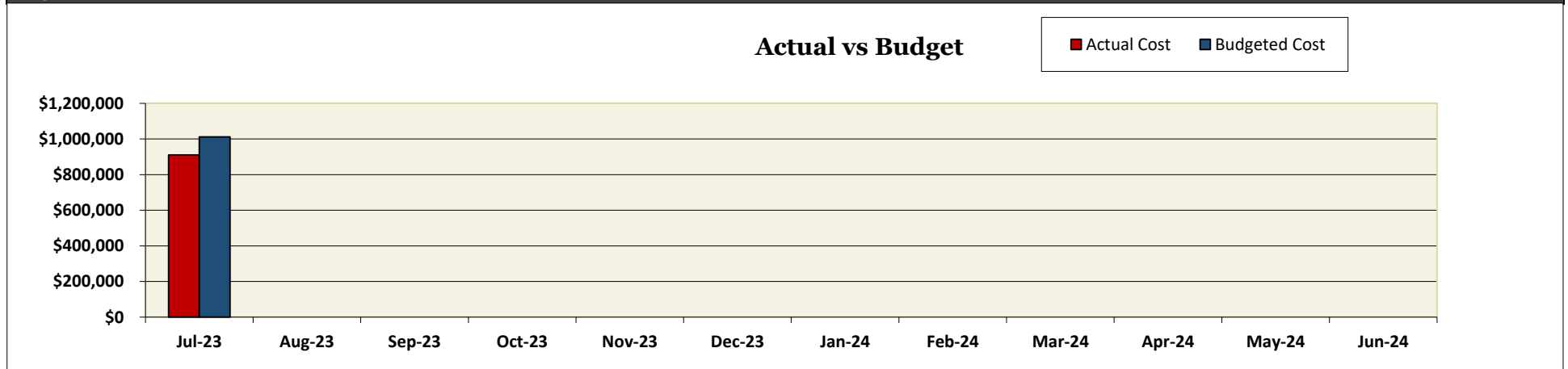
BOE Groups Active & Retired

Self Insured - All Coverages

All Enrollees

Claim/Admin. Cost										
Date	Lives	Net Medical Paid Claims	Rx Paid Claims	Dental Paid Claims	Total Net Paid Claims	Total Fixed Costs	Total Cost	Anthem Renewal Monthly	Variance - Total Cost vs BOE Anthem Renewal	Actual/Estimated BOE Anthem Renewal
Jul-23	495	\$640,990	\$130,728	\$28,381	\$800,099	\$109,857	\$909,956	\$1,011,777	(\$101,821)	89.9%
Aug-23										
Sep-23										
Oct-23										
Nov-23										
Dec-23										
Jan-24										
Feb-24										
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YTD	495	\$640,990	\$130,728	\$28,381	\$800,099	\$109,857	\$909,956	\$1,011,777	(\$101,821)	89.9%

Budget vs. Actual Cost



Total fixed costs is taken from segmented Anthem Renewal dated 3/13/23 plus Network Access Fees of \$161,700

*BOE monthly renewal based on non-weighted Anthem segmented renewal dated 3/13/23

Students

Protection of Undocumented Students

All students have the right to attend public school and enjoy access to equitable educational and programmatic services regardless of the immigration status of the student or of the student's family members.

For the purposes of this policy, "District personnel" includes all District employees, counsel for the District, and any agencies contracting with the District.

District personnel shall not take any steps that would deny students access to education based on their immigration status or any steps that would impede the rights of any students to public education under the U.S. Supreme Court's 1982 ruling in *Plyler v. Doe*, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Connecticut General Statutes, and any other applicable state and federal law.

Absent any applicable federal, state, local law or regulation or local ordinance or court decision, District personnel shall abide by the following conduct:

- District personnel shall not treat students disparately for District residency determination purposes on the basis of their immigration status.
- All District students who meet the relevant programmatic criteria are entitled to receive all school services, including free lunch, free breakfast, transportation, and educational services, regardless of the immigration status of the student or of the student's family members. This entitlement exists whether or not the student or the student's family members have social security numbers.
- District personnel shall not inquire about, or record in any way, a student's immigration status, nor shall District personnel require documentation of any student's legal status, such as asking for a "green card" or citizenship papers, at initial registration or at any other time, for any purpose.
- District personnel shall not require students to apply for Social Security numbers, nor shall the District require students to supply a Social Security number for any purpose.

If any staff member has questions about an individual's immigration status, that staff member shall not refer them to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office ("ICE") or any other government agency.

The District's policy does not allow any individual or organization to enter a school site if the educational setting would be disrupted by that visit. The Board of Education (Board) believes that ICE activities in and around schools, preschool education centers, and adult school facilities would constitute a disruption to the learning environment and educational setting for students. Therefore, any request by ICE to any District personnel to visit a school site shall be forwarded immediately to the Superintendent or designee for review and consultation with legal counsel to ensure the safety of all students as well as compliance with *Plyler v. Doe* and other applicable state and federal laws.

All requests for documents by ICE to the District or any District personnel shall be immediately forwarded to the Superintendent or designee for review and consultation with legal counsel and the Board to ensure the safety of all students, as well as to comply with *Plyler v. Doe*, and other applicable state and federal laws.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that copies of this Policy are distributed to all District and school sites.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all teachers, school administrators, and other staff are trained on how to implement this policy and shall ensure that notification with required translation be distributed to families to fully inform them of their rights in the District.

Protection of Undocumented Students – cont.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-15 Towns to maintain schools

10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited

10-76a - 10-76g re special education

10-184 Duties of parents re mandatory schooling for children ages five to sixteen, inclusive

10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance.
Hearings. Appeals to state board. Establishment of hearing board. Readmission, as amended.

10-220h Transfer of student records, as amended.

10-261 Definitions

State Board of Education Regulations

10-76a-1 General definitions (c) (d) (q) (t)

10-204a Required immunizations

Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (section 438 of the General Education Provisions Act, as amended, added by section 513 of P.L. 93 568, codified at 20 U.S.C.1232g.).

Dept. of Educ. 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (May 9, 1980 45 FR 30802) regs. implementing FERPA enacted as part of 438 of General Educ. provisions act (20 U.S.C. 1232g) parent and student privacy and other rights with respect to educational records, as amended 11/21/96, and Final Rule 34 CFR Part 99, December 9, 2008, December 2, 2011)

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq.

Phylar v. Doe, 457 U.S.202, 102S. Ct. 2382 (1982)

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Protection of Undocumented Students

1. To provide a free public education for all children and to provide a welcoming, safe, and supportive school environment, the following guidelines shall be followed when handling requests and visits from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE):
2. If an ICE agent approaches a school asking for student information or for access to a student, that agent shall be referred to the Superintendent or designee.
3. The Superintendent or designee shall immediately contact the District's attorney before taking any action or providing any information in response to a request or visit from an ICE agent. The Superintendent or designee shall ask the ICE agent to state the reasons and authority for the visit, whether the "sensitive locations" policy is being followed, and, if so, why such "sensitive locations" policy permits the visit.
4. The Superintendent or designee shall ask the ICE agent to confirm that the agent has a warrant and to show the warrant. If the agent does not have a warrant, the Superintendent or designee shall prohibit entry to school facilities to the ICE agent.
5. If the ICE agent does have a warrant, the Superintendent or designee shall review it to determine what it authorizes the ICE agent to do and who issued it.
 - a. Note, that depending on the situation, ICE agents may have an "administrative warrant" which is not a court order signed by a judge.
 - b. The Superintendent or designee shall not assume that an ICE agent has the authority to enter school facilities or to obtain information or records based on an administrative warrant.
6. Situations could arise in the school setting, including when ICE agents demand records or information concerning a student in which a warrant signed by a judge or other appropriate court order likely would be required by law. In such situations, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the District's attorney before taking action.
7. Resources to assist families regarding immigration and to connect them with legal and social services within the community shall be provided and translated in multiple languages
8. Schools participating in the Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) shall continue to comply with the specific requirements of that program.
9. Counselors and mental health support services shall be made available, for any reason, to any students who are experiencing stress or anxiety, as a result of immigration issues.

Protection of Undocumented Students – cont.

RESOURCES

For families:

[ACLU - Know Your Rights: What to Do If Immigration Agents are at Your Door](#)

[Connecticut Students for a Dream](#)

For districts and schools:

[ICE Sensitive Locations Policy](#)

[U.S. Department of Education guidance for supporting undocumented youth](#)

[United We Dream - Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals guide](#)

[School Counselors Working with Undocumented Students](#)

[U.S. Department of Health and Human Services information on the rights of unaccompanied children to enroll in school and participate meaningfully and equally in educational programs](#)

The following organizations provide direct legal services:

[International Institute of Connecticut](#)

[Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services](#)

[Catholic Charities Migration, Refugee, and Immigration Services](#)

[Center for Children's Advocacy](#)

[Connecticut Legal Services](#)

[New Haven Legal Assistance](#)

[UConn School of Law Asylum and Human Rights Clinic](#)

[Yale Law School Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic](#)

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Students**Non-resident attendance****Definition**

A nonresident student is a student who:

1. resides outside of the District; or
2. resides within the District on a temporary basis; or
3. resides within the District on a permanent basis but with pay to the person(s) with whom the student is living; or
4. resides within the District for the sole purpose of obtaining school accommodations; or is
5. a child placed by the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Family Services or by other agencies in a foster, group, or private residential facility. However, under this circumstance, children may attend local schools with tuition paid by the home District unless special education considerations make attendance in local schools and programs inappropriate. Children not requiring special education who live in town as a result of placement by a state agency other than another Board of Education and except as provided otherwise in this paragraph are resident students; those requiring special education may attend local schools with special education cost reimbursements in accordance with statutes unless special education considerations make attendance in local schools and programs inappropriate.

Nonresident Attendance Without Tuition

Upon written parental request, nonresident students may be allowed by the Superintendent to attend District schools without tuition under one or more of the following conditions:

1. Children affected by military transfers from January of their junior year through their senior year will be allowed to remain in the District tuition free until the completion of their senior year.
2. A family moves from the District after January 1st of the school year; however, if parents so request, a child may complete the current school year.
3. A family residing outside of a District has firm plans to move into the District within the current school year as evidenced by a contract to buy, build, rent, or lease;
4. Twelfth-grade students wishing to complete their education in the District;
5. Children residing temporarily within the District because of family changes or children attending local schools residing temporarily outside of the District because of family circumstances. Approval shall not exceed three (3) calendar months; if subsequent approval is necessary, it shall be considered based upon information available at that time.
6. The Groton Board of Education (Board) may seek reimbursement for children living in temporary shelters located within the Town of Groton from the school districts in which the child would otherwise reside as permitted in 10-253€ of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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Exchange Students

No tuition is required for foreign students living within the District under the American Field Service Program or under other programs or circumstances approved by the Board. Exchange students will be accorded all the rights and privileges of a resident student during the period of enrollment.

Nonresident Attendance With Tuition

Nonresident students who do not meet one or more criteria under previous sections of this policy, may attend local schools only with tuition payment. The Superintendent may approve nonresident student attendance with tuition if class size, transportation, and other considerations permit, and shall notify the Board of all tuition approvals. Nonresident approval with tuition shall be for one (1) school year or less. Tuition rates shall be established by the Board annually.

Attendance by a nonresident tuition student may be terminated by Board action, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, if the Board deems such termination in the best interest of the District. An adjustment of tuition on a per diem basis will be made in this instance.

Evidence of Residency

The Superintendent or designee may require documentation of family and/or student residency, including affidavits, provided that prior to a request for evidence of residency the parent or guardian, relative or non-relative, emancipated minor, or student eighteen (18) years of age or older shall be provided with a written statement of why reason exists to believe such student's may not be entitled to attend school in the District. An affidavit may require a statement or statements with documentation that is bona fide student residence exists in the District, that the resident is intended to be permanent, that it is provided without pay, and that it is not for the sole purpose of obtaining school accommodations.

Removal of Nonresident Student From District Schools

If after a careful review of affidavits and other available evidence, the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee believes that a student is not entitled to attend local schools, the parent or guardian, the student if an emancipated minor, or a student eighteen (18) years of age or older, shall be informed in writing that, as of a particular date, the student may no longer attend local schools, and the Superintendent or designee shall notify the Board where the child should attend school (if known). If after review, District residency is established by the evidence, the parent or guardian, the student if an emancipated minor, or a student eighteen (18) years of age or older, shall be so informed.

If a student is removed from a District school for residency reasons the Superintendent or designee shall: 1) inform the parent, guardian, emancipated minor, or student eighteen (18) years of age or older, of hearing rights before the Board and that the student may continue in local schools pending a hearing before the Board if requested in writing by the parent, guardian, emancipated minor, or student eighteen (18) years of age or older, 2) that upon request, a transcript of the hearing will be provided, 3) that a Board decision may be appealed to the State Board and that the student/s may continue in local schools pending a hearing before the State Board if requested in writing by the parent, guardian, emancipated

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minor, or student eighteen (18) years of age or older, 4) that if the appeal to the State Board of Education is lost, a per diem tuition will be assessed for each day a student attended local schools when not eligible to attend.

Board of Education Hearing

Upon written request, the Board shall provide a hearing within ten (10) days after receipt of such request. If a hearing ensues, the Board shall make a recording of the hearing, shall make a decision on student eligibility to attend local schools within ten (10) days after the hearing, and shall notify the parent, guardian, emancipated minor, or student eighteen (18) years of age or older, of its findings. Hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 4 177 to 4 180 inclusive of Connecticut General Statutes.

The Board shall, within ten (10) days after receipt of notice of an appeal, forward the hearing record to the State Board of Education.

~~Upon written parental request, nonresident students may be allowed by the Superintendent of Schools to attend district schools without tuition or at a discounted tuition rate under one or more of the following conditions:~~

- ~~1—Children placed out in custodial institutions or State approved foster homes which are
—located in Groton;~~
- ~~2—Children whose parents have purchased or leased a residence within the town at some point during the school year with an intention to reside in the Town of Groton before the end of the school year when the parents provide necessary transportation and documentation by way of affidavits or otherwise;~~
- ~~3—Children whose parents moved from town during the school year may complete the school year in Groton when the parents provide necessary transportation;~~
- ~~4—Children recommended by recognized and approved foreign student exchange organizations will be accepted without tuition charges, when residing with a family living in the Town of Groton;~~
- ~~5—Children will be accepted as tuition students when their interest and those of the Groton Public Schools warrant;~~
- ~~6—Children who are legally emancipated minors or who are at least 18 years of age who reside independently within the Town of Groton;~~

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- ~~7—Children residing with relatives or non-relatives within the Town of Groton when it is the intention of such children and the parents or guardians of such children that such residency is to be for an indefinite term and is provided without pay and not for the purpose of obtaining free school privileges and documentation by way of affidavits or otherwise;~~
- ~~8—Children living in temporary shelters located within the Town of Groton provided that the Board may seek reimbursement from the school district in which the child would otherwise reside as permitted in 10-253(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes;~~
- ~~9—Children affected by military transfers from January of their junior year through their senior year will be allowed to remain in the district tuition free until the completion of their senior year;~~
- ~~10—Children whose parents move during the student's twelfth grade year who wish to complete their education in the district may be approved to do so at a discounted percentage of the annually approved tuition rate. Documentation that evidences the date of the move must be provided in order for the request to be considered. The superintendent has the authority to require that additional criteria be met, including, but not limited to, academic and behavioral standards. The discounted tuition rate is to be based upon the trimester during which the student moves; the chart below specifies the percentage of the tuition to be charged.~~

Grade in Which Student Began School in GPS	Moves Prior to Start of School Year	Moves During 1st Trim. to 2nd Trim.	Moves During 2nd Trim. To 3rd Trim.	Moves after 3rd Trim.
9	25%	15%	0% (no Tuition)	0% (no Tuition)
10	50%	40%	15%	0% (no Tuition)
11	75%	65%	25%	0% (no Tuition)
12	100%	75%	35%	0% (no Tuition)

~~*All students who began prior to grade nine will follow the payment structure designated for students who began in grade nine.~~

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-4a Educational interests of state defined.

10-33 Tuition in towns in which no high school is maintained.

10-35 Notice of discontinuance of high school service to non-residents.

10-55 Pupils to attend regional school.

10-253 School privileges for children in certain placements, non-resident children, and children in temporary shelters

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