



Board of Directors Regular Business

MEETING AGENDA

Date: March 12, 2026
Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Location: LEARN/ 44 Hatchetts Hill Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371

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- 1. Call to Order:** Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Audience and Guests:** Introductions
- 3. Public Comment:**
- 4. Reading and/or Review of Correspondence:**
- 5. Superintendents' Perspective:** Maryann O'Donnell, Superintendent of Clinton Public Schools, to present on the Strategic Plan and Key District Initiatives of the district.
- 6. Consent Agenda:**
 - 6.1 Approval of the DRAFT Minutes, Regular Business Meeting—February 12, 2026
 - 6.2 Approval of Budget Summary as of February 28, 2026
 - 6.3 Approval of Grant Applications—None
- 7. Information from the Executive Director:**
 - 7.1 Hiring—Resignations and new hires, including trend reports
 - 7.2 Distributions — None
 - 7.3 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, Regular Business Meeting—February 27, 2026
 - 7.4 LEARN Building Committee Meeting Minutes—February 12, 2026 and February 27, 2026
 - 7.5 Legislative Updates
 - 7.6 LEARN Agency Updates

8. Old Business:

8.1 Office of Teaching and LEARNing (OTL) Consultant Rates

9. New Business:

9.1 Healthy Food Certification (HFC)

9.1a Public Schools Participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)—Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Statement for 2026-2027: *To be eligible for HFC during SY 2026-27 (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027), the Board must conduct the HFC votes by July 1, 2026. The Connecticut State Department of Education requires all district governing boards to vote “yes or no” on the following 2 motions as written by the State;*

9.1b Food and Beverage Exemptions

9.1c Approval for the Executive Director to sign the 2026-2027 Healthy Food Certification Statement

9.2 Non-renewals of Non-tenured Certified Staff

9.3 Approval of 2026 Graduation Date – Marine Science Magnet High School (MSMHS)

9.4 Approval of 2026 Graduation Date – Three Rivers Middle College Magnet High School (TRMC)

10. Educational Perspective: None

11. Roundtable Discussion: Student cell phones, AI, and Budget

12. Future Roundtable Topics:

13. Adjournment:

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Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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8. Old Business:

8.1 Office of Teaching and LEARNing (OTL) Consultant Rates

Motion to Approve the increase of Office of Teaching and LEARNing Consultant Rates as presented.

9. New Business:

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Motion 1: Required vote for participation in healthy food option of HFC

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the LEARN Board of Directors certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

9.1b Food and Beverage Exemptions

Motion 2: Required vote for food and beverage exemptions for BOEs voting “yes” to the healthy food option of HFC

The LEARN Board of Directors will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.

- 9.1c Approval for the Executive Director to sign the 2026-2027 Healthy Food Certification Statement

Motion to approve LEARN Executive Director, Katherine Ericson, to sign the Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Statement for School Year 2026-2027

9.2 Non-renewals of Non-tenured Certified Staff

(Executive Director to read the following)

Per Article IV – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Item. 2, of the LEARN Membership Agreement and Constitution; In my capacity as Executive Director, I recommend that the Board of Directors non-renew the teaching contracts of those named in the motion below at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes 10-151, and that the Board accept, adopt, and ratify my determination that the contracts be non-renewed. I am making this recommendation for the following reason(s), any one or all of which I view to be a sufficient basis for the recommended action:

1. Elimination of position or loss of position to another teacher.
2. Other— due and sufficient cause
 - a. budget considerations
 - b. contract reduction in force procedures
 - c. legal requirements in accordance with 10-151 of the Connecticut General Statutes
 - d. failure to meet our minimum standards for continued employment

Any requested hearing on the non-renewal of a non-tenured teacher must be held before an impartial hearing panel. It is my recommendation that you vote to have the hearing held before the Board so there will be no procedural misunderstandings in the event a hearing is necessary. I also recommend that I be authorized and instructed to communicate notice of this action in writing to the affected party and to respond for the Board to any appropriate requests which may be forthcoming from the teachers, or their representatives as provided in the Teacher Tenure Law.

(Board Chair to request the suggested motion for non-renewal of non-tenured certified staff):

MOTION

Move that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 10-151, the LEARN Board of Directors non-renew the teaching contracts of those named as follows, at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, as recommended by the Executive Director; and ratify, adopt and, accept the Executive Director’s determination that the contracts be non-renewed:

1. Ballantyne, Sarah
2. Folden, Nichole
3. Grills, Lynn
4. Hernandez, Elda
5. Hibson, Robert
6. Holley, Pamela
7. Jacksin, Reide
8. Jouver, Mariah
9. Krawiec, Kathleen
10. Ludington, Kelsey
11. Overcash, Kevin
12. Schenk-Belisle, Julia
13. Swanson, Karli
14. Troutman, Merin
15. Van Pelt, Kelly
16. Young, Tara

Further move that the Executive Director be directed to communicate this action of the Board in writing to those named in this motion, and that the Executive Director be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board of Directors to any requests for a hearing or for other data which may be forthcoming from those named in this motion and/or their representative pursuant to applicable provisions of Connecticut General Statutes 10-151; and further move that the Executive Director be further directed that any response to a request for a hearing, if a hearing is required by law, indicate that such hearing is to be before the Board of Directors.

Motion to accept the non-renewals as presented.

9.3 Approval of 2026 Graduation Date – Marine Science Magnet High School (MSMHS)

Motion to Approve approve June 16, 2026 as the official graduation date for Marine Science Magnet High School seniors as presented.

9.4 Approval of 2026 Graduation Date – Three Rivers Middle College Magnet High School (TRMC)

Motion to Approve approve June 17, 2026 as the official graduation date for Three Rivers Middle College Magnet High School seniors as presented.

- 10.** Educational Perspective: None
- 11.** Roundtable Discussion: Student cell phones, AI, and Budget
- 12.** Future Roundtable Topics:
- 13.** Adjournment:

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MEETING **DRAFT** MINUTES

Meeting Date: February 12, 2026

Draft Posted: February 17, 2026

Present: Eric Bauman, East Lyme; Dale Bernardoni, Chester (Grades K-6); Scott Brown, Lyme & Old Lyme Region #18; Thomas Danehy, Clinton (Teams); Katherine Ericson, LEARN; Jennifer Favolora, Haddam & Killingworth Region #17; Elizabeth Fernandes, Westbrook; Katie Gauthier, Stonington (Teams); Marijke Kehrhahn, Old Saybrook; Robert Mitchell, Montville; Nancy Johnston, Essex/Grades K-6; Beverly Washington, Groton; and Laurie Wolfley, Waterford

Not Attending and Not Represented: Galen Cawley, Madison; Scott Garbini, New London; A. Terri Garrity, East Haddam; Mary Harris, Ledyard; Gregory Perry, Norwich; Chet Stefanowicz, North Stonington; Vacant, Chester, Deep River, Essex/Region #4 (Grades 7-12); Vacant, Deep River (Grades K-6); Vacant, East Hampton; Vacant, Guilford; Vacant, Preston; and Vacant, Salem

Guests: Mandy Batty, Assistant Principal Waterford High School; Michael Belden, LEARN Chief Financial & Operations Officer; ; Kristin Gemaly, Regional Multicultural Magnet School (RMMS) Literacy Instructional Coordinator & LEARN LEA President (Teams); Thomas Giard, III, Superintendent of Waterford School District; Elizabeth McCaffery, LEARN Director of Human Resources (Teams); and Kirk Samuelson, Principal Waterford High School

Meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

- 1. Call to Order:** Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Audience and Guests:** Introductions
- 3. Public Comment:** None
- 4. Reading and/or Review of Correspondence:** None
- 5. Superintendents' Perspective:** Mr. Thomas Giard, III, Superintendent of Waterford School District; Kirk Samuelson, Principal Waterford High School; and Mandy Batty, Assistant Principal Waterford High School, presented to the board on the Strategic Plan and Key District Initiatives of the district. Superintendent Thomas Giard, III highlighted trends in enrollment, growing diversity, multilingual learners, and the district's focus on addressing chronic absenteeism and supporting all students. Waterford High School Principal Kirk Samuelson and Assistant Principal Mandy Batty shared innovative student-centered programs, including a Student Shadowing Program, where teachers spend a day following students to better understand their experiences, and Learning Walks that involve students and teachers observing classrooms together. These initiatives strengthen teacher-student relationships, promote student voice, and support a culture of collaboration and continuous improvement. Data and feedback from these programs guide curriculum, policies, and school practices, helping ensure every student has the resources and support they need to thrive.

6. Consent Agenda:

- 6.1 Approval of the DRAFT Minutes, Regular Business Meeting—January 8, 2026
- 6.2 Approval of Budget Summary as of January 31, 2026
- 6.3 Approval of Grant Applications— None

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- Presented by Beverly Washington
- Second Dale Bernardoni
- Motion passed with 12 votes in favor and 0 votes against

7. Information from the Executive Director:

- 7.1 Hiring—Resignations and new hires, including trend reports: Executive Director Ericson reported that LEARN has 27 current openings, including key administrative roles. The district continues to attract strong candidates, recently hiring a general accountant from a competitive pool of 95 applicants.
- 7.2 Distributions — COST 2026 Legislative Priorities
- 7.3 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, Regular Business Meeting—January 23, 2026
- 7.4 LEARN Building Committee Meeting Minutes—January 8, 2026 and January 23, 2026: The LEARN building project is on track and under budget, with costs now projected at \$80–82 million and a \$20 million contingency fund in place for added security.
- 7.5 Legislative Updates: Executive Director Ericson highlighted key funding and legislative issues, including magnet school funding, special education grants, and potential increases to the per-pupil foundation amount. She encouraged families and community members to participate in upcoming hearings, noting that personal engagement, whether in person, online, or via submitted testimony, can make a real impact.
- 7.6 LEARN Agency Updates: Executive Director Ericson shared key mid-year updates, including The mid-year leadership retreat for school leaders, collaboration on a three-year curriculum contract, and \$2.4 million in renovations at the Regional Multicultural Magnet School (RMMS). Marine Science Magnet High School (MSMHS) and The Friendship School (TFS) were recognized as Schools of Excellence, and high enrollment and family engagement continue across LEARN’s magnet schools. She also highlighted LEARN’s participation in statewide initiatives and programs like Tri-Share, supporting families and shared challenges in education.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

9.1 Fiscal State of the Agency

Chief Financial and Operations Officer, Michael Belden, provided an update on LEARN's Fiscal State of the Agency for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, highlighting that LEARN's finances remain strong, with \$54 million in annual revenue and strategic investments in facilities, technology, and student programs. Growth initiatives include cross-school programs, AI-supported learning, early education pilots, and the Teacher Residency Program, all strengthening connections among schools, families, and districts. Large-scale projects, including a \$95 million facility initiative, continue to enhance student experiences and long-term program capacity.

9.2 Office of Teaching and LEARNING Consultant Rates

Discussion of consultant rates in the Office of Teaching and Learning was briefly introduced by Executive Director Ericson and will be revisited at the next board meeting in March. No action was taken at this time.

9.3 Proposed 3% Increase in Creating Connections Tuition

Motion to Approve a 3% increase in the current Creating Connections tuition, raising the rate from \$360.00 to \$371.00 as presented.

- **Presented by Scott Brown**
- **Second Marijke Kehrhahn**
- **Motion passed with 9 votes in favor and 0 votes against**

10. Educational Perspective: None

11. Roundtable Discussion: Student cell phones, AI, and Budget – Board members discussed student cell phone use, the role of AI in schools, and budget considerations. Members also reviewed the electrification of the bus fleet, noting challenges with aging buses, infrastructure needs, and proposed changes to the 2030 statewide requirement. Class size and instructional quality were highlighted as ongoing priorities, with attention to balancing educational needs, special services, and fiscal responsibility.

12. Future Roundtable Topics: Student cell phones, AI, and Budget

13. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 11:27 a.m.

- **Presented by Laurie Wolfley**
- **Second Marijke Kehrhahn**
- **Motion passed unanimously with 8 votes in favor and 0 votes against**

Respectfully submitted by:
Jamella A. A. Etienne

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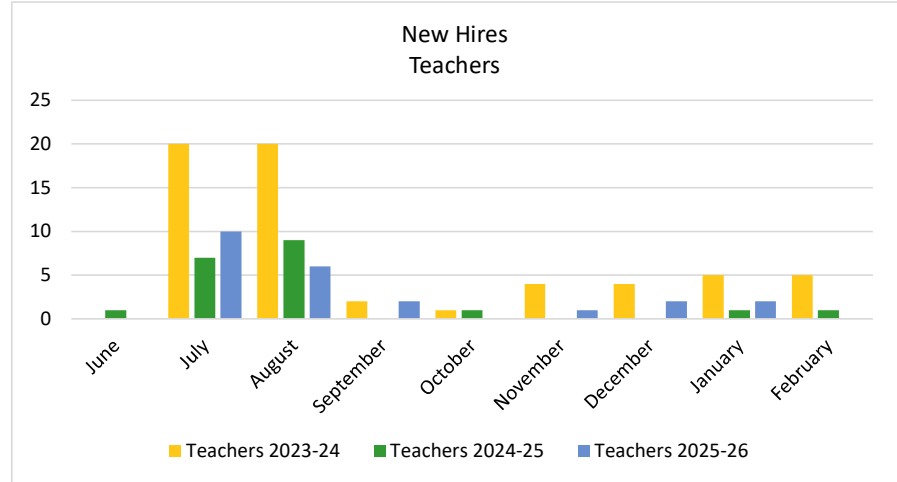
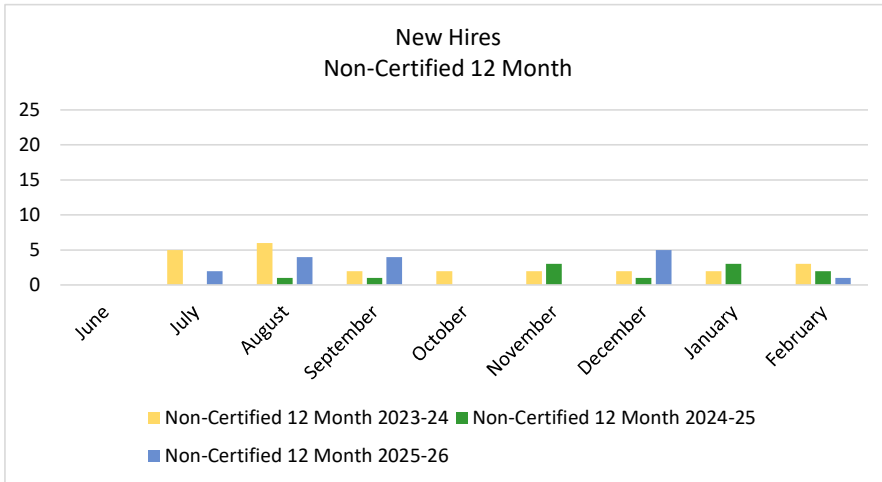
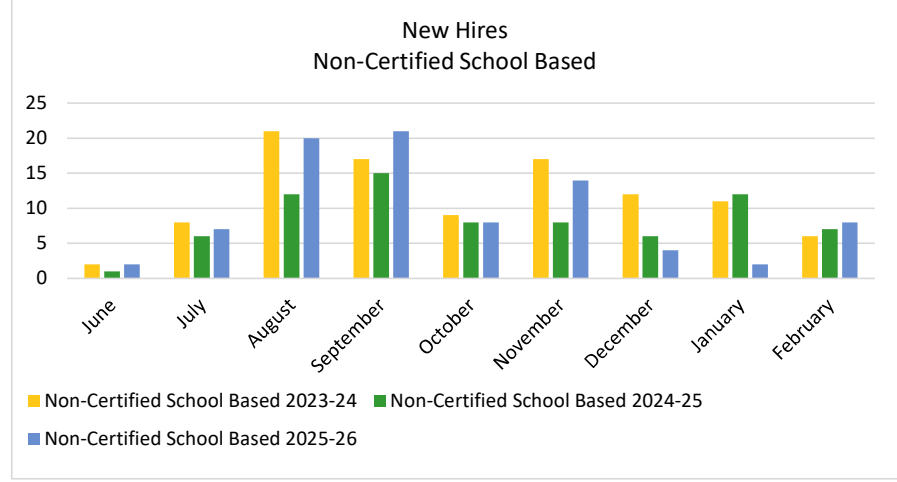
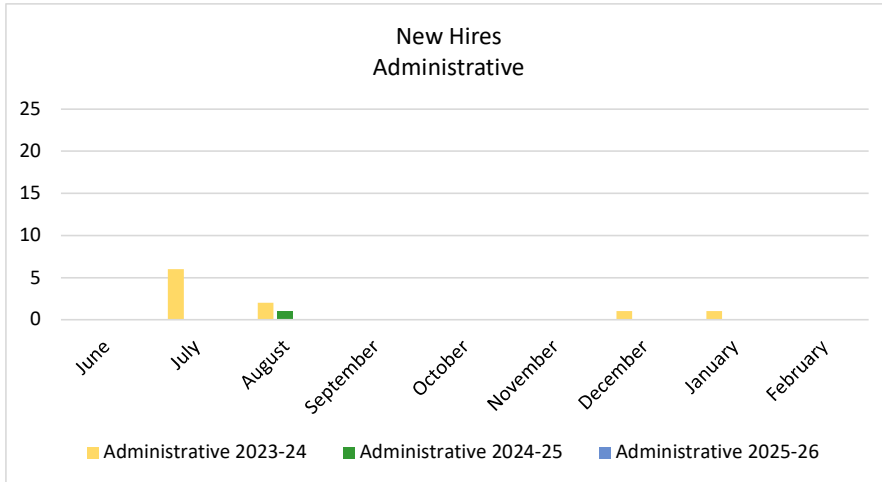


LEARN									
BUDGET & ACTUAL (FY 2025-2026)	REVENUES				EXPENDITURES				
CURRENT YEAR REVIEW	Original Adopted Budget FY 25/26	Revised Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues Receivable	Original Adopted Budget FY 25/26	Revised Budget	Year-to-Date Actual Expenditures	Year-to-Date Actual Encumbrances	Actual Available Budget
* in thousands		<i>as of 2-28-26</i>	<i>as of 2-28-26</i>	<i>as of 2-28-26</i>		<i>as of 2-28-26</i>	<i>as of 2-28-26</i>	<i>as of 2-28-26</i>	<i>as of 2-28-26</i>
Departments & Programs									
Student Support Services	\$ 21,198	\$ 21,425	\$ 17,869	\$ 3,555	\$ 21,198	\$ 21,425	\$ 11,910	\$ 4,931	\$ 4,584
MSAP	\$ 4,102	\$ 4,550	\$ 1,539	\$ 3,011	\$ 4,102	\$ 4,550	\$ 2,044	\$ 721	\$ 1,785
Office of Teaching & Learning	\$ 1,575	\$ 1,663	\$ 267	\$ 1,396	\$ 1,575	\$ 1,663	\$ 988	\$ 372	\$ 303
Early Childhood Education	\$ 2,630	\$ 944	\$ 1,020	\$ (76)	\$ 2,630	\$ 944	\$ 537	\$ 250	\$ 157
Creating Connections Early Learning Center	\$ 491	\$ 491	\$ 148	\$ 344	\$ 491	\$ 491	\$ 255	\$ 63	\$ 173
Tri-Share	\$ -	\$ 793	\$ 448	\$ 345	\$ -	\$ 793	\$ 194	\$ 347	\$ 252
Transportation	\$ 568	\$ 568	\$ 238	\$ 330	\$ 568	\$ 568	\$ 239	\$ 345	\$ (16)
COVID Relief	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Executive Services, Special Projects, IT	\$ 3,023	\$ 2,787	\$ 899	\$ 1,888	\$ 3,023	\$ 2,787	\$ 3,150	\$ 1,874	\$ (2,236)
Dept & Programs Subtotal	\$ 33,587	\$ 33,221	\$ 22,428	\$ 10,793	\$ 33,587	\$ 33,221	\$ 19,317	\$ 8,903	\$ 5,002
Magnet Schools									
Regional Multicultural Magnet School	\$ 6,099	\$ 6,039	\$ 4,156	\$ 1,883	\$ 6,099	\$ 6,039	\$ 3,168	\$ 1,650	\$ 1,221
Marine Science Magnet High School	\$ 4,216	\$ 4,161	\$ 3,171	\$ 990	\$ 4,216	\$ 4,161	\$ 2,257	\$ 1,314	\$ 591
The Friendship School	\$ 6,519	\$ 6,708	\$ 3,718	\$ 2,990	\$ 6,519	\$ 6,708	\$ 3,690	\$ 1,768	\$ 1,249
Three Rivers Middle College High School	\$ 1,383	\$ 1,432	\$ 1,057	\$ 375	\$ 1,383	\$ 1,432	\$ 747	\$ 494	\$ 191
Magnet Schools Subtotal	\$ 18,217	\$ 18,340	\$ 12,102	\$ 6,238	\$ 18,217	\$ 18,340	\$ 9,862	\$ 5,226	\$ 3,252
Non-Operating Items									
ECHMC Insurance	\$ 38,247	\$ 39,592	\$ 26,987	\$ 12,605	\$ 38,247	\$ 39,592	\$ 25,174	\$ 12,417	\$ 2,000
Food Service	\$ 1,028	\$ 1,028	\$ 435	\$ 593	\$ 1,028	\$ 1,028	\$ 555	\$ 369	\$ 105
Construction Projects / Capital Expenditures	\$ 19,142	\$ 19,142	\$ 4,842	\$ 14,300	\$ 19,142	\$ 19,142	\$ 4,853	\$ 11,617	\$ 2,673
Non-Operating Items Subtotal	\$ 58,417	\$ 59,762	\$ 32,264	\$ 27,498	\$ 58,417	\$ 59,762	\$ 30,582	\$ 24,403	\$ 4,778
Grand Total	\$ 110,221	\$ 111,323	\$ 66,794	\$ 44,529	\$ 110,221	\$ 111,323	\$ 59,761	\$ 38,532	\$ 13,032
Notes	Original budget amounts tie to the approved Board budget; revised budgets continue to reflect ongoing activity such as new contracts and roll forward of 2 year grants.								
	MSAP = The MSAP 5 year LEAP grant began in October 2022 for \$9.8m and runs through September 2028. In October 2024, LEARN was awarded a new 5 year MSAP grant (SOARS) for \$9.1m and runs through September 2029.								
	Creating Connections Early Learning Center (CCELC) = The infant toddler program will be operating two classrooms during the year located at The Friendship School.								
	Tri-Share = LEARN is working with the Office of Policy & Management on a program to fund childcare expenses with participating companies. LEARN will be the fiscal agent.								
	Exec Services, Special Projects, IT = Expenditures consist mainly of amounts paid to cover health insurance costs; all expenditures will be offset by admin (12%) and health insurance allocations charged monthly to schools / departments.								
	Construction Projects = LEARN anticipates spending ~\$1m for the Early Childhood Center of Excellence project in addition to several projects at each of LEARN's magnet schools.								

LEARN	REVENUES					EXPENDITURES						
	Revised Budget	Prior Year to Date Actual Revenues	Current Year to Date Actual Revenues	Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)	Revenues: Increase; (Decrease) Change	Revised Budget	Prior Year to Date Actual Expenditures	Prior Year to Date Actual Encumbrances	Current Year to Date Actual Expenditures	Current Year to Date Actual Encumbrances	Expenses: Increase/ (Decrease)	Expenses: Increase; (Decrease) Change
		as of 2-28-26	as of 2-28-25	as of 2-28-26	as of 2-28-26		as of 2-28-26	as of 2-28-26	as of 2-28-25	as of 2-28-26	as of 2-28-26	as of 2-28-26
BUDGET & ACTUAL (FY 2025-2026)												
PRIOR YEAR COMPARISON												
* in thousands												
Departments & Programs												
Student Support Services	\$ 21,425	\$ 19,114	\$ 17,869	\$ (1,245)	-7%	\$ 21,425	\$ 11,341	\$ 4,211	\$ 11,910	\$ 4,931	\$ 1,289	8%
MSAP	\$ 4,550	\$ 982	\$ 1,539	\$ 557	57%	\$ 4,550	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,819	\$ 2,044	\$ 721	\$ (180)	-6%
Office of Teaching & Learning	\$ 1,663	\$ 104	\$ 267	\$ 163	>100%	\$ 1,663	\$ 854	\$ 352	\$ 988	\$ 372	\$ 154	13%
Early Childhood Education	\$ 944	\$ 2,060	\$ 1,020	\$ (1,040)	-50%	\$ 944	\$ 678	\$ 708	\$ 537	\$ 250	\$ (598)	-43%
Creating Connections Early Learning Center	\$ 491	\$ -	\$ 148	\$ 148	>100%	\$ 491	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 255	\$ 63	\$ 318	>100%
Tri-Share	\$ 793	\$ -	\$ 448	\$ 448	>100%	\$ 793	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 194	\$ 347	\$ 540	>100%
Transportation	\$ 568	\$ 196	\$ 238	\$ 42	21%	\$ 568	\$ 270	\$ 105	\$ 239	\$ 345	\$ 210	56%
COVID Relief	\$ -	\$ 98	\$ -	\$ (98)	>100%	\$ -	\$ 99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (99)	-100%
Executive Services, Special Projects, IT	\$ 2,787	\$ 1,756	\$ 899	\$ (857)	-49%	\$ 2,787	\$ 4,386	\$ 49	\$ 3,150	\$ 1,874	\$ 589	13%
Dept & Programs Subtotal	\$ 33,221	\$ 24,310	\$ 22,428	\$ (1,881)	-8%	\$ 33,221	\$ 18,753	\$ 7,244	\$ 19,317	\$ 8,903	\$ 2,223	9%
Magnet Schools												
Regional Multicultural Magnet School	\$ 6,039	\$ 4,537	\$ 4,156	\$ (381)	-8%	\$ 6,039	\$ 3,012	\$ 1,670	\$ 3,168	\$ 1,650	\$ 136	3%
Marine Science Magnet High School	\$ 4,161	\$ 3,141	\$ 3,171	\$ 30	1%	\$ 4,161	\$ 2,175	\$ 1,189	\$ 2,257	\$ 1,314	\$ 208	6%
The Friendship School	\$ 6,708	\$ 3,562	\$ 3,718	\$ 156	4%	\$ 6,708	\$ 3,241	\$ 1,457	\$ 3,690	\$ 1,768	\$ 760	16%
Three Rivers Middle College High School	\$ 1,432	\$ 1,054	\$ 1,057	\$ 3	0%	\$ 1,432	\$ 642	\$ 330	\$ 747	\$ 494	\$ 268	28%
Magnet Schools Subtotal	\$ 18,340	\$ 12,294	\$ 12,102	\$ (190)	-2%	\$ 18,340	\$ 9,070	\$ 4,645	\$ 9,862	\$ 5,226	\$ 1,372	10%
Non-Operating Items												
ECHMC Insurance	\$ 39,592	\$ 11,102	\$ 26,987	\$ 15,886	>100%	\$ 39,592	\$ 22,663	\$ 9,193	\$ 25,174	\$ 12,418	\$ 5,737	18%
Food Service	\$ 1,028	\$ 456	\$ 435	\$ (21)	-5%	\$ 1,028	\$ 533	\$ 365	\$ 555	\$ 369	\$ 26	3%
Construction Projects / Capital Expenditures	\$ 19,142	\$ -	\$ 4,842	\$ 4,842	>100%	\$ 19,142	\$ 1,828	\$ 1,392	\$ 4,853	\$ 11,617	\$ 13,248	>100%
Non-Operating Items Subtotal	\$ 59,762	\$ 11,557	\$ 32,264	\$ 20,706	>100%	\$ 59,762	\$ 25,025	\$ 10,950	\$ 30,581	\$ 24,404	\$ 19,010	53%
Grand Total	\$ 111,323	\$ 48,161	\$ 66,794	\$ 18,633	39%	\$ 111,323	\$ 52,847	\$ 22,839	\$ 59,760	\$ 38,533	\$ 22,606	30%
<u>Variances: Revenues & Expenditures</u>												
ECE: Decrease in revenue and expenditures for FY 2026 relates to OEC change of School Readiness Pass-Thru dollars. The ECE now represents the Local Governance Partner (LGP) dollars, not the pass-thru.												
SSS: Increased in revenues due to 5% Board Approved rate increase.												
MSAP: Year 2 of SOARS and Year 4 LEAP show increased expenditures primarily due to the continuation and expansion of established program budgets. Last year, SOARS expenses were just beginning, so this year reflects a full year of activity.												
TRMC: Includes College and Career Readiness Tutor and instructor, additional college classes and new rent payment to TRCC.												
TFS: Includes expenses for one additional classroom.												



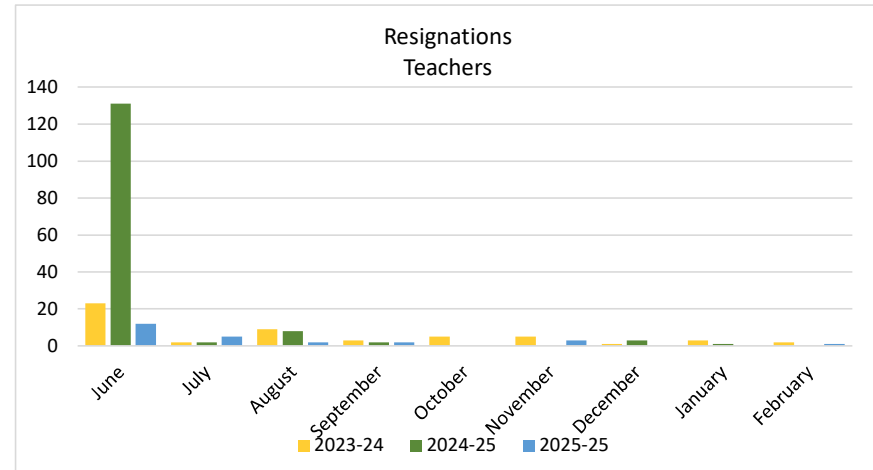
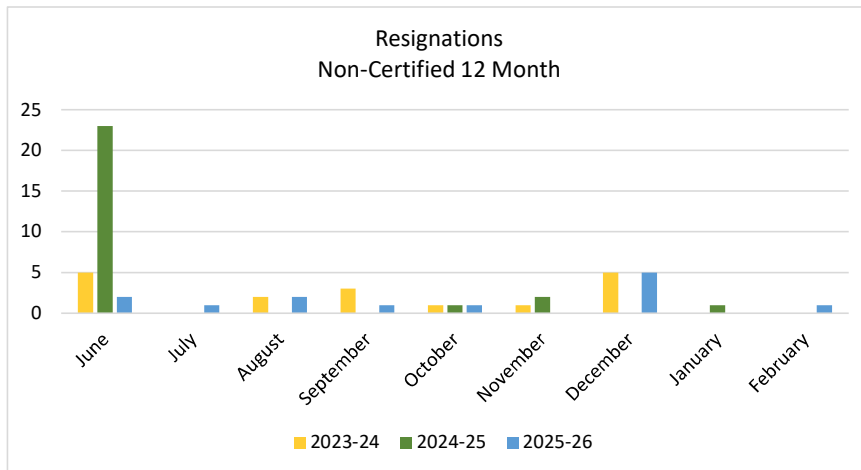
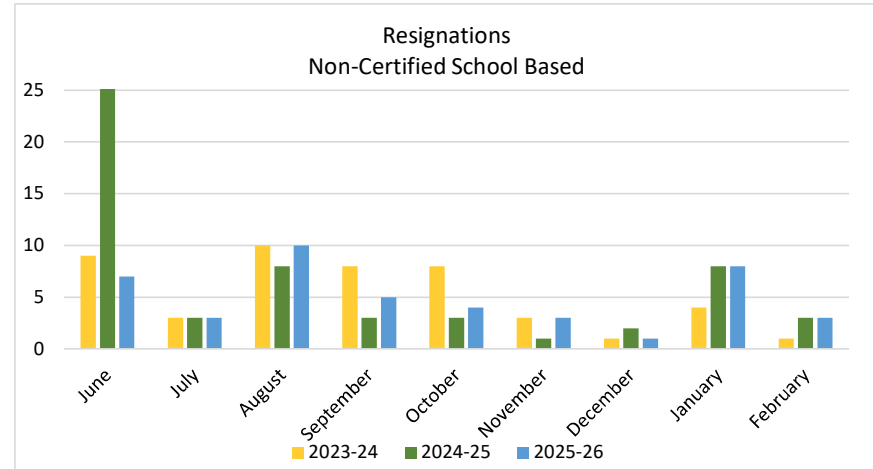
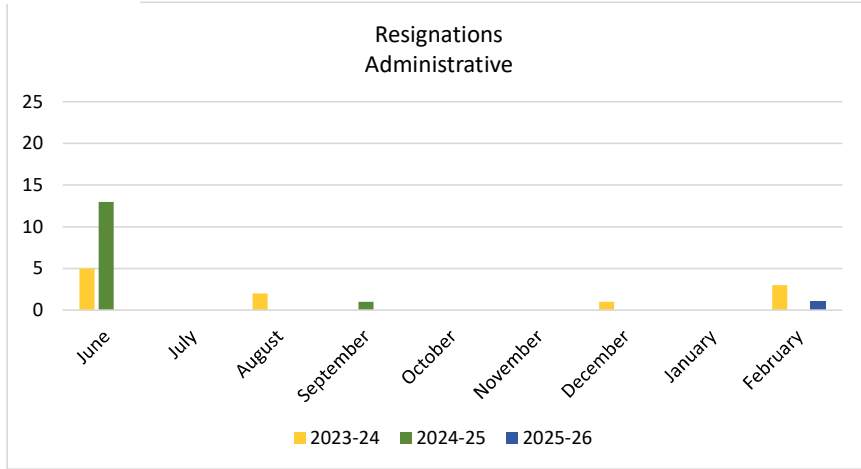
New Hires Trend Report
February 2026



LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	DEPT	DATE	PAY	RATE	COMMENTS
ANDERSON	DEVANTE	INTERVENTION SPECIALIST	SSS	02/18/2026	SALARY	\$29,740.20	REPLACEMENT
CHAMBERLAIN	MADISON	GENERAL ACCOUNTANT	BUS	02/02/2026	SALARY	\$60,000.00	NEW POSITION
ESTEY	DANIEL	SUBSTITUTE INSTRUCTOR	TFS	02/06/2026	PER DIEM	\$125.00	REPLACEMENT
KOELLE	KAYLENE	REGISTERED BEHAVIOR TECHNICIAN	SSS	02/04/2026	SALARY	\$42,180.45	REPLACEMENT
MARR	TRACY	ASSOCIATE INSTRUCTOR	TRMC	02/10/2026	HOURLY	\$18.02	NEW POSITION
MOORE	TADEKA	SUB INTERVENTION SPECIALIST	SSS	02/09/2026	PER DIEM	\$125.00	REPLACEMENT
NEGRON	BRIANITH	ASSOCIATE INSTRUCTOR	RMMS	02/02/2026	HOURLY	\$18.92	REPLACEMENT
PRENTICE	ALYSSA	SUB INTERVENTION SPECIALIST	SSS	02/11/2026	PER DIEM	\$125.00	REPLACEMENT
WYSOSKI	JACOB	SUB INTERVENTION SPECIALIST	SSS	02/04/2026	PER DIEM	\$125.00	REPLACEMENT
LOCATION KEY							
BUS - BUSSINESS OFFICE							
RMMS - REGIONAL MULTICULTURAL MAGNET SCHOOL							
SSS - STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES							
TFS - THE FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL							
TRMC - THREE RIVERS MIDDLE COLLEGE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL							



Resignation Trend Report
February 2026



FEBRUARY 2026

<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
CIVITELLO	MICHAEL	REGISTERED BEHAVIOR TECHNICIAN	SSS	02/17/2026	RESIGNATION - NEW POSITION
DEBERARDINIS	MONICA	SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPERVISOR	SSS	02/20/2026	RESIGNATION - NEW POSITION
GASTON	JAMAL	ASSOCIATE INSTRUCTOR LEVEL 1	SSS	01/30/2026	RESIGNATION
GOLDEN	PAULINE	ACCOUNT RECEIVABLE ASSOCIATE	BUS	02/01/2026	SEPERATION
SEARLOVERA	HEATHER	INTERVENTION SPECIALIST-OUTPLC	SSS	02/12/2026	RESIGNATION - NEW POSITION
STRICKLEY	NICHOLE	TEACHER	SSS	02/19/2026	RESIGNATION - NEW POSITION
<u>LOCATION KEY</u>					
BUS - BUSSINESS OFFICE					
SSS - STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES					



Executive Committee

MEETING AGENDA

Date: February 27, 2026
Time: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Location: LEARN, Room 216/ 44 Hachetts Hill Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371

***Amended 2/25/2026, This agenda was updated to include Items 7 and 8, Administrative Appointments to OTL and SSS.**

Present: Robert Mitchell, Chair; Dale Bernardoni, Vice Chair; Jennifer Favalora, Fiscal Officer; Beverly Washington, Secretary; Maryann O'Donnell, Superintendent of Schools Clinton; Dr. Cynthia Ritchie, Superintendent of Schools New London (**Via Teams**); and Kate Ericson, LEARN Executive Director

Not Attending:

Meeting began at 8:34 a.m.

1. Review March 2026 Board of Directors' Agenda

Executive Director Ericson reviewed the March 2026 agenda with the Executive Committee and noted the non-renewal process for the agency. While districts have until May 1, 2026 to complete required actions, LEARN continues to target the March Board meetings to complete this process to ensure a timely and orderly review.

2. Regional Shared Service Solutions (RSSS) Update

The Executive Committee received an update on the RSSS program. The program continues to thrive, reflecting sustained engagement and ongoing collaboration among participating districts.

3. RESC Alliance Legislative Update

Executive Director Ericson shared with the Executive Committee the promising legislation around Education Cost Sharing (ECS) funding and fully implementing the student-centered funding model. Not only does this legislation support all traditional public school districts, it also supports magnet schools.

4. Bid Waiver Request: Indeed (Recruitment Advertising)

Motion to approve the bid waiver pursuant to LEARN Purchasing Policy 3323 to purchase recruitment advertising with Indeed in the amount of \$39,000.00 for FY26.

- **Presented by Robert Mitchell**
- **Second by Beverly Washington**
- **Motion Passed, unanimously**

5. Bid Waiver Request: Pentera Software

The Executive Committee noted that consideration of the bid waiver request for Pentera software was postponed.

6. Bid Waiver Requests: Tri-Share Daycare Providers

Executive Director Ericson informed the Executive Committee, in accordance with LEARN's Purchasing Policy, that LEARN is serving as the Fiscal Agent for the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood in support of the Tri-Share Child Care Program. In this role, LEARN is responsible for the collection and disbursement of funds, which will exceed \$20,000 annually to more than 70 childcare centers across the state serving eligible families. She noted that LEARN's Business Office has consulted with auditors to ensure the allocation of these funds is handled transparently and in alignment with Board policy. The Committee was informed of this work as recommended by the auditors.

7. *Appointment to Leadership Position: Educational Consultant, Office of Teaching and Learning (OTL)

Motion to approve the appointment of Pamela Santerre to the position of Educational Consultant for the Office of Teaching and Learning, at step 1 of the Administrators' Contract, with an annual salary of \$110,813.00.

- **Presented by Robert Mitchell**
- **Second by Dale Bernardoni**
- **Motion Passed, unanimously**

8. *Appointment to Leadership Position: Supervisor, Student Support Services

Motion to approve the appointment of Jen Cimmino to the position of Special Education Supervisor for Student Support Services, at step 3 of the Administrators' Contract, with an annual salary of \$116,992.00.

- **Presented by Beverly Washington**
- **Second by Dale Bernardoni**
- **Motion Passed, unanimously**

9. Annual Report—Board Participation

Executive Director Ericson presented on including Executive Committee member quotes in the *LEARN 2026 Annual Report*. The intent of these quotes would be to highlight the Board’s awareness, support, and advocacy for the agency. The Executive Committee expressed support for this approach.

10. LEARN Updates

Executive Director Ericson updated the Committee on the Middle School Design project. A cross-district team of administrators and educators are helping to guide the overall construction and development of the school schedule and student opportunities. Additionally, the Regional Multicultural Magnet School (RMMS) will host the Child and Family Agency, in conjunction with an e-sports tournament. The CFA program serves as a parent academy, offering support on challenges of raising adolescents, including social media and other relevant topics.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 a.m.

- **Presented by Beverly Washington**
- **Second by Robert Mitchell**
- **Motion Passed, unanimously**

Respectfully submitted by: Jamella A. A. Etienne

SPECIAL MEETING**Date:** February 12, 2026**Time:** 11:24 a.m. – 11:41 a.m.**Location:** Virtual**Meeting Minutes**

Building Committee Members: Kate Ericson, LEARN Executive Director; Robert Mitchell, Chair LEARN Board of Directors; Dale Bernardoni, Vice-Chair LEARN Board of Directors; Jennifer Favalora, Fiscal Officer LEARN Board of Directors; Craig Esposito, Past President LEARN Board of Directors.

Meeting Attendees: John Holden, Newman Architects; Nick Conti, Gilbane, Inc.; Taylor Crouse, Gilbane, Inc.; Charles (Chuck) Warrington, Colliers Engineering and Design

Building Committee Staff: Julie Pendleton, LEARN Coordinator of Special Projects; Lisa Cooney, LEARN Coordinator of Communications

Agenda

1.0 Discussion and possible action on soil remediation plan

2.0 Next Regular Meeting

- Friday, February 27, 2026

3.0 Adjournment

1.0 Discussion and possible action on soil remediation plan

- Representatives from Colliers Engineering & Design (Colliers) and Gilbane, Inc (Gilbane) presented a proposed soil remediation plan for the property located at 51 Daniels Avenue.
- The purpose of the plan is to ensure that any contaminated soil identified on the site is remediated in compliance with applicable environmental regulations to maintain the property's suitability for development.
- No current soil concerns were identified. The plan will be implemented if contamination is discovered.
- Motion to approve the soil remediation plan as presented by Colliers & Gilbane.
 - Presented by: Robert Mitchell
 - Second by: Dale Bernardino
 - Motion carried unanimously

2.0 Next Regular Meeting

- Friday, February 27, 2026

3.0 Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 11:41 a.m.
 - Presented by: Kate Ericson
 - Second by: Robert Mitchell
 - Motion carried unanimously



Date: February 27, 2026

Time: 10:03 a.m. – 10:34 a.m.

Location: LEARN, 44 Hatchetts Hill Road, Old Lyme

Meeting Minutes

Building Committee Members: Robert Mitchell, Chair LEARN Board of Directors; Dale Bernardoni, Vice-Chair LEARN Board of Directors; Beverly Washington, Secretary LEARN Board of Directors; Jennifer Favalora, Fiscal Officer LEARN Board of Directors; Craig Esposito, Past Chair LEARN Board of Directors; Kate Ericson, LEARN Executive Director

Meeting Attendees: Katelyn Chapman, Newman Architects; John Holden, Newman Architects; Nick Conti, Gilbane, Inc.; Taylor Crouse, Gilbane, Inc.; Charles Warrington, Colliers Engineering and Design; Lance Hagen, LEARN Director of IT

Building Committee Staff: Julie Pendleton, LEARN Coordinator of Special Projects; Lisa Cooney, LEARN Coordinator of Communications

Agenda

- 1.0 Approval of Minutes
- 2.0 Updates & Reports
- 3.0 Financial Update
- 4.0 Other Reports
- 5.0 Old Business
- 6.0 New Business
- 7.0 Next Meeting
- 8.0 Adjournment

Discussion and Decisions:

Additional Agenda Item

- Julie Pendleton, LEARN's Coordinator of Special Projects, drew attention to the proposed FY 2027 meeting schedule. A motion was made to amend the agenda to add the proposed meeting schedule under New Business.
 - Motion: To amend the agenda to include the proposed FY 2027 meeting schedule under New Business
 - Presented by: Robert Mitchell
 - Seconded by: Beverly Washington
 - Vote: Motion carried unanimously
 - The agenda was amended accordingly.

1.0 Approval of Minutes

- January 23, 2026 - Building Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve
 - Presented by: Jennifer Favalora
 - Seconded by: Craig Esposito
 - Vote: Motion carried unanimously



- January 29, 2026 - Building Committee Special Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve
 - Presented by: Robert Mitchell
 - Seconded by: Kate Ericson
 - Vote: Motion carried unanimously
- February 12, 2026, Building Committee Special Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve
 - Presented by: Kate Ericson
 - Seconded by: Robert Mitchell
 - Vote: Motion carried unanimously

2.0 Updates & Reports

- Newman Architects, PC/RDG Architects
 - Construction at 51 Daniels Avenue is underway.
 - Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment (FF&E) represents the final phase of design. Meetings are ongoing.
 - A technology survey is currently being conducted.
 - A focused technology equipment meeting will take place in April.
 - Focused playground planning meetings will also take place in April.
- Gilbane, Inc.
 - Abatement paperwork has been submitted.
 - Pre-purchased electrical equipment is expected to ship this spring.
 - The construction manager is handling snow removal, site clearing, and erosion and sediment control.
- Collier's Engineering & Design
 - Reinforced Gilbane's report.
 - Reported that the project remains in good fiscal standing.

3.0 Other Reports

- Town of Waterford
 - Permitting remains ongoing between Gilbane and the Town of Waterford.
 - Wetland permit has been received by LEARN.

4.0 Financial Update

- Discussion and possible action on invoices for Project #245-0090MAG/N/PF

Company/Vendor	Invoice	Amount Approved
Newman Architects	24595	\$108,066.92
Gilbane Building Company	PRECON #5	\$ 49,209.00
Colliers Project Leaders	1142730	\$ 16,257.80
Shipman & Goodman		\$ 6,176.00
Sustainable Engineering Solutions LLC (SES)	5760	\$ 1,450.00
Independent Materials Testing Labs, Inc. (IMTL)	6965-A	\$ 2,697.00
Independent Materials Testing Labs, Inc. (IMTL)	6965-B	\$ 1,045.00
Total		\$184,901.72



- Motion to approve invoices as presented
 - Presented by: Craig Esposito
 - Seconded by: Dale Bernardoni
 - Vote: Motion carried unanimously

5.0 Old Business

- Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment (FF&E)
 - Meetings are scheduled through April.
 - Sample materials will be available on site at Hatchetts Hill in April.

6.0 New Business

- Proposed FY 2027 Meeting Schedule
 - The proposed FY 2027 Building Committee meeting schedule was presented for consideration.
 - Motion: To approve the proposed FY 2027 meeting schedule.
 - ❖ Presented by: Robert Mitchell
 - ❖ Seconded by: Beverly Washington
 - ❖ Vote: Motion carried unanimously

7.0 Next Meeting

- March 27, 2026, 10:00 a.m. at LEARN
- Anticipated Agenda Items:
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Updates & Reports
 - Financial Update
 - Other Reports
 - Old Business
 - New Business
 - Next Meeting
 - Adjournment

8.0 Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 10:34 a.m.
 - Presented by: Robert Mitchell
 - Seconded by: Kate Ericson
 - Vote: Motion carried unanimously



RESC Costs for In-District Support

RESC	In-region Full Day	In Region Half Day	Out-of-Region Full Day	Out-of-Region Half Day
ACES	\$1,250	\$800	\$1,325	\$835
CES	\$1,300 - \$1,500	\$800	\$1,500	\$800
CREC	\$1,325	\$850	\$1,600	\$1,020
EASTCONN	\$1,250	\$650	\$1,200	\$650
EdAdvance	\$1,300	\$800	\$1,700	\$1,000
LEARN	\$1,000	\$650	\$1,200	\$750
Proposed Increase	\$1,250	\$700	\$1,500	\$850



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Sponsors of the National School Lunch Program

FROM: Shannon K. Yearwood, Bureau Chief *Shannon K. Yearwood*
Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs

DATE: January 30, 2026

SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum No. 03-26
Requirements for Submitting the Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Statement
for School Year 2026-27

The Healthy Food Certification (HFC) statute ([C.G.S. Section 10-215f](#)) requires that every year, local boards of education or governing authorities (BOE) for public schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) must determine and certify whether all food items sold to students separately from reimbursable meals will or will not meet the [Connecticut Nutrition Standards](#) (CNS). These standards also apply to all foods offered in reimbursable snacks for the Afterschool Snack Program (ASP).

“Public schools” include all public schools, regional educational service centers, the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS), charter schools, interdistrict magnet schools, and endowed academies.

This memo provides the required BOE motion language and step-by-step instructions for submitting the HFC application for school year (SY) 2026-27. Please review this Operational Memorandum carefully to ensure accurate and timely submission of the HFC Statement.

HFC Eligibility Requirements for BOEs opting to implement HFC

To be eligible for HFC during SY 2026-27 (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027), the BOE must conduct the HFC votes by **July 1, 2026**. All votes must use the **exact motion language** provided in attachment 1.

All BOEs **must** vote on whether to participate in the healthy food option of HFC.

- If the BOE votes “yes” to the healthy food option, a vote on whether to allow food exemptions is **required**. The BOE may choose to vote on whether to allow beverage exemptions.
- If the BOE votes “no” to the healthy food option, a vote on whether to allow food exemptions is **not** required. The BOE may choose to vote on whether to allow beverage exemptions.

Beverage exemptions are defined by a separate statute (C.G.S. Section 10-221q) and are not part of the annual HFC Statement. If the BOE does not vote to allow beverage exemptions, only [allowable beverages](#) can be sold to students on school premises at all times.

Refer to attachment 1 for the required motion language and a summary chart of the required votes.

HFC Application Process for SY 2026-27

All public school sponsors of the NSLP must complete the steps below to meet the HFC application deadline of **July 1, 2026**, for school year 2026-27.

1. Schedule the required HFC votes at a BOE meeting **well before** July 1, 2026, to allow sufficient time for the BOE to approve the **draft** minutes before they are submitted to the CSDE. The HFC Statement must include the **final** BOE-approved minutes. If the district chooses to allow beverage exemptions, the CSDE recommends that the BOE conducts the vote on beverage exemptions at the same time as the HFC votes.
2. Conduct the BOE votes and prepare the BOE minutes. The final BOE-approved minutes must: 1) include the required language in attachment 1; and 2) indicate the results of each vote. Do not submit the final BOE-approved minutes until requested by the CSDE (refer to step 3).
3. **May 2026:** Complete the online HFC application module in the CSDE's Connecticut Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System). Upload the final BOE-approved minutes indicating the results of the HFC votes. The CSDE will notify sponsors when the HFC application module and instructions are available.

For more information, visit the "[Annual HFC Application](#)" section of the CSDE's HFC webpage. Training on the HFC application process is available in the CSDE's video, [Completing the Application Process for Healthy Food Certification](#).

For HFC compliance resources, visit the "[Guidance and Resources](#)" section of the CSDE's HFC webpage. Training on the HFC requirements is available in the CSDE's training program, [Complying with Healthy Food Certification](#).

For questions or additional information, please contact Susan Fiore at 860-807-2075 or susan.fiore@ct.gov or Teri Dandeneau at 860-807-2079 or teri.dandeneau@ct.gov.

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Attachments: (1)

Important: This is a numbered Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) operational memorandum that contains important program information. Please read carefully and retain for future reference. All CSDE operational memoranda are posted on the CSDE's [Operational Memoranda for School Nutrition Programs](#) webpage.

Required Motion Language for the Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Statement

School Year 2026-27

This attachment accompanies the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) Operational Memorandum No. 03-26: *Requirements for Submitting the Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Statement for School Year 2026-27* and provides the required motion language for:

- the board of education or governing authority's (BOE) votes; and
- the final BOE-approved minutes.

The HFC Statement and final BOE minutes are due to the CSDE by July 1, 2026.

Use the **exact motion language** on pages 2-3 to conduct the required HFC votes and the optional vote for beverage exemptions (if applicable).

Summary of BOE Votes

Step 1: HFC Participation

All BOEs of public schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) must use the language in this attachment to conduct the required vote on participation in the healthy food option of HFC.

Step 2: Food and Beverage Exemptions

Conduct the votes on food and beverage exemptions using the required language in this attachment.

- If BOE votes "yes" to HFC, complete either one of the two requirements below.
 1. Conduct the required vote for food exemptions and the optional vote for beverage exemptions using the required language in this attachment.
 2. Conduct one vote for combined food and beverage exemptions using the required language in this attachment.
- If BOE votes "no" to HFC, conduct the optional vote for beverage exemptions using the required language in this attachment.

Required Motion Language for the Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Statement

Required Language for BOE Votes and Minutes for HFC

The required motion language for each BOE vote is below. All BOEs must use this exact language for each vote to be eligible for participation in HFC.

Vote 1: Required vote for participation in healthy food option of HFC

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the (*insert name of board of education or governing authority*) certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

Vote 2: Required vote for food exemptions for BOEs voting “yes” to the healthy food option of HFC

The motion and BOE-approved meeting minutes must reflect a “yes” or “no” vote to allow food exemptions.

The (*insert name of board of education or governing authority*) will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food sales.

Note: If the BOE votes “no” to participation in the healthy food option, a vote on whether to allow food exemptions is **not** required.

Required Motion Language for the Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Statement

Required Language for BOE Vote and Minutes on Beverages

The state beverage requirements (C.G.S. Section 10-221q) apply to all public schools, regardless of whether the district participates in the NSLP or certifies for the healthy food option of HFC.

Vote 3: Optional vote for beverage exemptions for all BOEs

The (*insert name of board of education or governing authority*) will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. The “school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the beverage sales.

Required Language for Option to Combine Food and Beverage Exemptions

BOEs that vote “yes” to participate in the healthy food option may choose to combine the two separate food and beverage exemptions into one motion. This combined option replaces votes 2 and 3 above.

Required motion language for combined food and beverage exemptions:

The (*insert name of board of education or governing authority*) will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.