



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools
School Business Officials
Town Finance Officers

FROM: Kathy Demsey, Chief Financial Officer

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SUBJECT: 2018-19 Education Revenue Estimates

In the Estimates of State Aid to Municipalities issued in September 2018, towns were notified of current year revenues, including the Education Cost Sharing (ECS), Health Services, and Adult Education grants. At the time of publication, some estimates were based on projected expenditure data. We now have actual unaudited expenditure data to calculate current year revenues. **Please note, however, the prior year adjustments should be available by the next update in February and may cause significant variances from the published estimates.**

In order to give school districts and municipalities time to plan for changes in revenue, we have prepared an updated estimate of state aid report that provides preliminary ECS, Adult Education, and Health Services numbers based on current year data. Please refer to our Web site to access your district's revenue information:
<https://www.csde.state.ct.us/public/dgm/grantreports1/revestselect.aspx>

These preliminary numbers will be updated in February, which will include prior year adjustments. The Special Education Excess Cost grant estimates will also be available at that time. This grant is initially paid based on estimated data filed through the December Special Education Excess Cost data application. Actual costs are filed and audited through the Special Education Excess Cost Grant (SEECG) system.

In early April, you will be notified of your final 2018-19 ECS revenue. For most districts, the revenue figures should not shift significantly, particularly between the February and April notifications.

For the 169 towns, the 2018-19 ECS grant revenue will be the result of a combination of the 2018-19 ECS entitlement and the 2017-18 Special Education Excess Cost grant prior year adjustments.

For the 17 regional school districts that do not receive ECS grants, any Excess Cost adjustments will be applied to their May Special Education Excess Cost payment. If the payment is less than the prior year adjustments, then a refund will be requested.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Chambers at kevin.chambers@ct.gov or 860-713-6455.

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