



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools  
School Business Officials  
Town Finance Officers

FROM: Kathy Demsey, Chief Financial Officer

DATE: February 17, 2017

RE: 2016-17 Education Revenue Update

On November 15, 2016, we provided preliminary 2016-17 revenue information for the Education Cost Sharing (ECS), Adult Education and Health Services grants.

We now have updated information for these grants reflecting school districts' updated expenditures, as well as prior year adjustments and the ECS MORE lapses. Please refer to our Web site to access your revenue information: (<http://www.csde.state.ct.us/public/dgm/grantreports1/RevEstSelect.aspx>)

We have included a summary concerning the impact of the grant caps. For this year, depending on the grant, the caps are negatively impacting revenue by as much as 47 percent.

Although the audits have been submitted, several post-audit issues remain. Therefore, many of these figures are still preliminary and subject to change. We will notify you in April of your final revenues.

In addition, you will now find revenue estimates for the Excess Costs grant. The February entitlements are based on data provided by your district in early December on the Special Education Excess Cost Grant Application (Formally SEDAC-G). Since this is a capped entitlement grant, your district's entitlement is affected by what other districts file. Final entitlements will be available in April. **Please note that statewide, districts' December 1 filing for the Excess Cost grant are lower than expected. While the capped percentage is currently at 23 percent, we anticipate this percentage to increase to approximately 25 to 27 percent. If this happens, your May payment will be adjusted to stay within the state appropriation. Please be aware of this when estimating your Excess Cost revenue for the current year.**

Estimates of state aid to municipalities were provided through the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) in August 2016. With regards to current year's revenue, we strongly recommend that you refer to the above Web site for the most current information. All of the pertinent factors that comprise actual revenue were not available when OPM originally published the estimates.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Chambers at [kevin.chambers@ct.gov](mailto:kevin.chambers@ct.gov) or 860-713-6455.

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