

# **Appendix D**

## **Aid to Schools**



## Education Aid to Local Governments

Education Aid to Local Governments totals \$841.5 million in FY 2010, a \$29.2 million increase in total state funding relative to the FY 2009 revised budget, and a 3.6 percent increase in the state's commitment to financing public education within Rhode Island. Total Education Aid is defined to include local public schools, the School for the Deaf, Davies Career and Technical School, the Charter Schools, the Central Falls School District and the Metropolitan Career and Technical School, as well as support for teacher retirement and school housing aid. The following sections summarize changes to the various aid categories that comprise total FY 2010 Education Aid.

### Distributed Aid

Distributed aid in 2010 increases \$16.5 million from the revised 2009 budget. Major changes from 2009 to 2010 include the restoration of the Professional Development funding of \$5.8 million and a reduction of \$420,000 in Group Home aid to reflect updated group home bed census figures. In both years general aid is reduced by the amount of local savings from pension reform: reductions of \$23.7 million in 2009 and \$24.8 million in 2010. In both years general aid is reduced to offset increase federal stimulus funding from the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund: reductions of \$31.0 million in 2009 and \$37.0 million in 2010.

### State Schools

The State Schools- Davies Career and Technical School, Metropolitan Career and Technical School, and the Rhode Island School for the Deaf are collectively financed at \$32.2 million in general revenue, which constitutes a \$456,380 decrease from the revised FY 2009 Budget. This reflects a reduction of general revenue aid to offset anticipated federal stimulus funding. Adding the \$2.2 million in Title I, IDEA, and Stabilization Fund funding yields a \$1.7 million increase in total support. The expansion of the Metropolitan School - East Bay campus on Aquidneck Island is delayed one year. This campus commenced operations during the 2006-2007 school year and maintains a current enrollment of approximately 90 students.

### Non-Distributed Aid

Several significant adjustments for the non-distributed categories of state education aid are also recommended for FY 2009. Notable among these are the elimination of the School Breakfast subsidy, and the addition of general revenue funding for telecommunications access for public schools and libraries (the E-Rate program). The Professional Development Fund sees a further \$500,000 increase to fund the development and implementation of a statewide educator performance management system. The Progressive Support & Intervention aid increases by \$800,000 for two initiatives stemming from the Urban Education Task Force. A school readiness demonstration project run by the department receives \$700,000 and extended learning time grants to be awarded by the department to local communities receives \$100,000. Direct aid to charter schools increases by \$3.4 million, including \$2.9 million to fund current operations, \$800,000 to allow the Paul Cuffee School to expand to the high school level, and \$700,000 for new charter schools, including mayoral academies. These increases are partially offset by a reduction of \$233,869 to recapture savings from pension reform and a shift of \$1.5 million from general revenue federal stimulus financing.

### Other Aid

The FY 2009 budget also includes increases in other aid of \$8.5 million; a \$9.6 million increase for school housing aid reimbursements and a \$1.1 million decrease in state contributions for teachers' retirement.

**FY 2010 Education Aid Increases (Decreases) From the Revised FY 2009 Budget**

- General aid: \$9,680,613
- Group Home Funding: (\$420,000)
- Central Falls School District: \$1,407,339
- Professional Development (Distributed): \$5,825,502
- Professional Development (Non-Distributed): \$500,000
- School Breakfast: (\$300,000)
- Telecommunications Access: \$350,000
- Direct Charter School Aid: \$3,360,198
- Progressive Support and Intervention: \$800,000
- Textbook expansion: (\$110,000)
- Metropolitan Career and Technical School: \$621,778
- School for the Deaf: (\$661,016)
- Davies Career and Technical School: (\$417,142)
- Teachers' Retirement: (\$1,050,763)
- School Housing Aid: \$9,598,611

The following graph displays total school aid from FY 2006 to FY 2010. The "Education Aid" component is comprised of all aid categories under the standard Education Aid program. This includes, but is not limited to, General Aid, Targeted Aid, Charter School Aid, Progressive Support and Intervention, and the Student Investment Initiatives. Other components of total aid include: State Contributions for Teachers' Retirement; School Housing Aid; Central Falls School District; and State Schools (Davies, Deaf, and the Metropolitan School).

**Explanation of Tables- by Category and LEA**

The following table displays education aid by apportionment among the state's local and regional education agencies (LEAs). "Distributed LEA Aid" consists of the various categories of aid that are directly distributed to school districts on a regular (usually monthly) basis, such as General Aid, Targeted Aid, and funds for Student Equity. For completeness, financing of the Central Falls School District (plus an allocation for indirect Charter School Aid on the LEA table only) is also displayed in this section. "State Schools" include the Metropolitan School, Davies, and School for the Deaf. "Non-Distributed Aid" includes several categories of aid that are either utilized at the departmental level or are not distributed regularly to school districts. "Other Aid" consists of allocations for School Housing Aid and state contributions to the Teachers' Retirement Fund. For the purposes of these tables, direct aid to charter schools is categorized as non-distributed.

## Education Aid to Local Units of Government

	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommend	Difference*
<b>Distributed LEA Aid</b>			
Barrington	\$1,798,390	\$1,907,911	109,521
Burrillville	12,859,083	12,971,837	112,754
Charlestown	1,775,256	1,814,445	39,189
Coventry	17,915,933	18,136,219	220,286
Cranston	31,403,559	31,795,596	392,037
Cumberland	11,730,893	11,927,191	196,298
East Greenwich	1,452,322	1,534,245	81,923
East Providence	24,342,375	24,584,450	242,075
Foster	1,277,945	1,292,025	14,080
Glocester	2,909,240	2,939,653	30,413
Hopkinton	5,604,241	5,654,271	50,030
Jamestown	388,214	414,566	26,352
Johnston	9,529,973	9,637,703	107,730
Lincoln	6,295,215	6,401,141	105,926
Little Compton	289,028	304,591	15,563
Middletown	9,461,789	9,564,697	102,908
Narragansett	1,429,678	1,484,908	55,230
Newport	10,751,107	10,787,991	36,884
New Shoreham	59,063	62,888	3,825
North Kingstown	10,533,159	10,696,013	162,854
North Providence	11,989,298	12,120,183	130,885
North Smithfield	4,301,363	4,373,725	72,362
Pawtucket	61,913,397	62,348,921	435,524
Portsmouth	5,862,440	5,968,268	105,828
Providence	169,680,536	180,138,945	10,458,409
Richmond	5,558,834	5,606,496	47,662
Scituate	2,888,958	2,951,022	62,064
Smithfield	4,935,809	5,031,655	95,846
South Kingstown	9,123,050	9,270,957	147,907
Tiverton	5,224,683	5,305,955	81,272
Warwick	33,163,476	33,596,326	432,850
Westerly	5,688,462	5,817,119	128,657
West Warwick	18,628,802	18,787,881	159,079
Woonsocket	43,885,542	44,198,019	312,477
Bristol/Warren	18,657,757	18,810,301	152,544
Exeter/W Greenwich	6,759,806	6,840,375	80,569
Chariho District	369,956	378,738	8,782
Foster/Glocester	5,160,046	5,227,566	67,520
Central Falls	41,040,523	42,447,862	1,407,339
Subtotal	\$616,639,201	\$633,132,655	\$16,493,454

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	<b>FY 2009 Revised</b>	<b>FY 2010 Recommend</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Non-Distributed Aid</b>			
On-Site Visits	\$145,864	\$145,864	
Textbook Expansion	350,000	240,000	(110,000)
Hasbro Children's Hospital	100,000	100,000	
School Breakfast	300,000	-	(\$300,000)
Professional Development	495,000	995,000	500,000
Charter School-Direct Aid	28,813,366	32,173,564	3,360,198
Progressive Support & Intervention	2,363,432	3,163,432	800,000
Speech Pathologist Salary Supplemer	-	-	-
Telecommunications Access	-	350,000	350,000
Subtotal	\$32,567,662	\$37,167,860	4,600,198
<b>State Schools</b>			
Metropolitan School	\$11,565,603	\$12,187,381	\$621,778
School for the Deaf	6,608,662	5,947,646	(661,016)
Davies School	14,473,335	14,056,193	(417,142)
Subtotal	\$32,647,600	\$32,191,220	(\$456,380)
<b>Other Aid</b>			
Teachers' Retirement	\$76,334,401	\$75,283,638	(\$1,050,763)
School Housing Aid	54,140,052	63,738,663	9,598,611
Subtotal	\$130,474,453	\$139,022,301	\$8,547,848
LEA Subtotal	\$616,639,201	\$633,132,655	\$16,493,454
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$812,328,916</b>	<b>\$841,514,036</b>	<b>\$29,185,120</b>