

# **Appendix D**

## **Aid to Schools**



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## **Education Aid to Local Units of Government**

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Education Aid to Local Governments totals \$910.5 million in FY 2008, a \$46.4 million increase in total state funding relative to the FY 2007 revised budget, and a 5.4 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 2008 Education Aid.

### **Distributed Aid- A Uniform 3 Percent Increase with Continued Support for Central Falls**

In FY 2008, the Governor reaffirms his commitment to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) by proposing a uniform general aid increase of three percent from enacted aid allocations for each community. This totals \$19.4 million in additional aid for Rhode Island's locally and regionally operated school districts. Further, to resolve a structural operating deficit while leveraging municipal fiscal participation, state support of the Central Falls school district increases by 6.9 percent, or \$3.0 million, relative to the revised FY 2007 level. Combining these two increases yields total FY 2008 distributed aid appropriations of \$712.2 million, a \$22.3 million increase from the revised FY 2007 level.

### **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 \$32.9 million in general revenue, which constitutes a \$2.4 million increase from the revised FY 2007 Budget. This reflects financing of current services at each school, and continued support of the expansion of the Metropolitan School to an East Bay campus on Aquidneck Island. This campus has commenced operations during the current (2006-2007) school year with an enrollment of 31 students.

### **Non-Distributed Aid**

Expansions for non-distributed categories of state education aid are also recommended for FY 2008. Notable among these is the advent of the Comprehensive Education Fund, with \$2.0 million in financing that is specifically earmarked for the support of innovations arising from a new Comprehensive Education Strategy panel under the joint direction of the Governor, the Speaker of the House and the Senate President. The Progressive Support and Intervention (PS&I) Fund, which finances corrective intervention activities in the State's underperforming districts, is maintained at \$2.9 million.

In addition to PS&I and the Comprehensive Education Fund, professional development funds utilized at the RIDE administrative level are increased by \$200,000 as a result of the Governor's *Advanced Placement Initiative*, a program that provides training workshops specifically designed for teachers of advanced placement courses in the sciences and mathematics. Direct Charter School Aid, which finances operations at the state's eleven charter schools, rises 10.9 percent above the revised FY 2007 level to \$27.0 million.

For both FY 2007 and FY 2008, the Governor recommends the elimination of the salary supplement for speech pathologists. Enacted by the 2006 general assembly, this measure provides an annual stipend of \$1,750 for all public school-based speech pathologists holding a Certificate of Clinical Competence. The Governor believes that salary schedules for school personnel should be set at the local level.

### **Other Aid**

The FY 2008 budget also includes increases in other aid of \$16.9 million; \$6.0 million in school housing aid reimbursements and \$10.8 million in state contributions for teachers' retirement.

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## *FY 2008 Education Aid Increases (Decreases) From the Revised FY 2007 Budget*

- General Aid: \$19,379,107
- Group Home Funding: (\$75,000)
- Central Falls School District: \$3,012,635
- Professional Development: \$200,000
- Direct Charter School Aid: \$2,645,103
- Progressive Support and Intervention: \$19,332
- Comprehensive Education Fund: \$2,000,000
- Metropolitan Career and Technical School: \$1,080,778
- School for the Deaf: \$366,591
- Davies Career and Technical School: \$950,386
- Teachers' Retirement: \$10,811,800
- School Housing Aid: \$6,046,528

### *Explanation of LEA Table*

The following table displays the FY 2007 and FY 2008 education aid budgets and their corresponding 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, general revenue financing of the Central Falls School District (including an allocation for indirect Charter School Aid) 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 this table, direct aid to charter schools is categorized as non-distributed.

## Education Aid to Local Units of Government

	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Recommend	Difference	Percentage Change
<b>Distributed LEA Aid</b>				
Barrington	\$2,599,526	\$2,677,512	\$77,986	3.0%
Burrillville	13,779,743	14,193,135	413,392	3.0%
Charlestown	2,002,838	2,062,923	60,085	3.0%
Coventry	20,075,081	20,677,333	602,252	3.0%
Cranston	35,580,911	36,648,338	1,067,427	3.0%
Cumberland	13,257,009	13,654,719	397,710	3.0%
East Greenwich	1,949,761	2,008,254	58,493	3.0%
East Providence	26,762,254	27,565,122	802,868	3.0%
Foster	1,416,463	1,458,957	42,494	3.0%
Glocester	3,213,847	3,310,262	96,415	3.0%
Hopkinton	6,241,352	6,428,593	187,241	3.0%
Jamestown	531,908	547,865	15,957	3.0%
Johnston	10,915,364	11,242,825	327,461	3.0%
Lincoln	7,403,268	7,625,366	222,098	3.0%
Little Compton	368,810	379,874	11,064	3.0%
Middletown	10,497,116	10,812,029	314,913	3.0%
Narragansett	1,897,159	1,954,074	56,915	3.0%
Newport	11,796,080	12,149,962	353,882	3.0%
New Shoreham	106,345	109,535	3,190	3.0%
North Kingstown	11,986,005	12,345,585	359,580	3.0%
North Providence	13,232,872	13,629,858	396,986	3.0%
North Smithfield	4,834,237	4,979,264	145,027	3.0%
Pawtucket	66,858,559	68,864,316	2,005,757	3.0%
Portsmouth	6,250,042	6,437,543	187,501	3.0%
Providence	193,974,756	199,793,999	5,819,243	3.0%
Richmond	6,188,615	6,374,273	185,658	3.0%
Scituate	3,407,183	3,509,398	102,215	3.0%
Smithfield	5,668,568	5,838,625	170,057	3.0%
South Kingstown	10,428,698	10,741,559	312,861	3.0%
Tiverton	5,932,058	6,110,020	177,962	3.0%
Warwick	37,626,000	38,754,780	1,128,780	3.0%
Westerly	6,843,077	7,048,369	205,292	3.0%
West Warwick	20,440,547	21,053,763	613,216	3.0%
Woonsocket	47,616,613	49,045,111	1,428,498	3.0%
Bristol/Warren	20,498,190	21,113,136	614,946	3.0%
Exeter/W Greenwich	7,661,019	7,890,849	229,830	3.0%
Chariho District	398,334	410,284	11,950	3.0%
Foster/Glocester	5,729,861	5,901,757	171,896	3.0%
Central Falls	43,873,873	46,886,508	3,012,635	6.9%
Smithfield- FY 2007 Supplemental	75,000	-	(75,000)	-
Subtotal	\$689,918,942	\$712,235,675	\$22,316,733	3.2%

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	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Recommend	Difference	Percentage Change
<b>Non-Distributed Aid</b>				
On-Site Visits	\$407,935	\$407,935	-	-
Textbook Expansion	240,000	240,000	-	-
Hasbro Children's Hospital	100,000	100,000	-	-
School Breakfast	600,000	600,000	-	-
Professional Development	670,000	870,000	200,000	29.9%
Charter School-Direct Aid	24,339,885	26,984,988	2,645,103	10.9%
Progressive Support & Intervention	2,917,565	2,936,897	19,332	0.7%
Comprehensive Education Fund	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	-
Telecommunications Access	277,965	277,965	-	-
Subtotal	\$29,553,350	\$34,417,785	4,864,435	16.5%
<b>State Schools</b>				
Metropolitan School	\$10,406,956	\$11,487,734	\$1,080,778	10.4%
School for the Deaf	6,441,201	6,807,792	366,591	5.7%
Davies School	13,621,186	14,571,572	950,386	7.0%
Subtotal	\$30,469,343	\$32,867,098	\$2,397,755	7.9%
<b>Other Aid</b>				
Teachers' Retirement	\$67,259,910	\$78,071,710	\$10,811,800	16.1%
School Housing Aid	46,814,982	52,861,510	6,046,528	12.9%
Subtotal	\$114,074,892	\$130,933,220	\$16,858,328	14.8%
LEA Subtotal	\$689,918,942	\$712,235,675	\$22,316,733	3.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$864,016,527</b>	<b>\$910,453,778</b>	<b>\$46,437,251</b>	<b>5.4%</b>