

### Flaws of Current System

- **Connecticut does not currently provide state funding for minor capital improvements** in public schools.
- The school construction grant program only reimburses districts for major construction or renovations and **does not cover smaller-scale projects**.
- Without state support, the **cost of minor repairs falls entirely on local taxpayers, leaving critical projects in lower-wealth districts unaddressed** and impacting students' learning environments and experiences.
- Minor repairs left unaddressed can escalate into significant issues and compromise the condition of school facilities, **resulting in higher long-term expenses**.

### How DRIP Would Work

- The District Repair & Improvement Program (DRIP) **would be funded at \$30 million annually and modeled similarly to the Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP)**, which provides municipalities with funds for minor infrastructure projects.
- **Allowable DRIP expenditures would be statutorily defined** to ensure funds are used appropriately.
- **Unspent DRIP funds would roll over beyond the end of each fiscal year**, giving districts the flexibility to plan for long-term maintenance needs and address unexpected repairs.
- **By providing predictable and sustainable funding**, DRIP would help districts:
  - **Proactively maintain facilities** to avoid costly repairs.
  - Ensure students learn in **safe, modern, and well-maintained school buildings**.
  - **Preserve resources** for classroom instruction and student support.

### How DRIP Benefits Connecticut Students

- Connecticut students deserve **safe, secure, and well-equipped school buildings** that support 21<sup>st</sup>-century learning.
- **Without dedicated funding for smaller capital projects**, districts must cover these costs through operating budgets, leading to:
  - Delayed maintenance;
  - Reduced funding for classroom instruction; and
  - Inequitable learning experiences, particularly in lower-wealth districts.

- Research shows **investments in facilities** — such as improving HVAC systems, safety measures, building infrastructure, and classroom environments — **lead to improved student outcomes**, particularly in districts with higher diversity and lower municipal wealth, **while also boosting property values**.
- Establishing a dedicated funding stream for minor capital projects would:
  - Provide all students **access to high-quality learning environments**.
  - **Enhance student outcomes** by addressing facility needs; and
  - **Save money long-term** by preventing costly major repairs or replacements.

### Proposed DRIP Grant Components

Component	Weight	Calculation
District Enrollment	50%	District need student count divided by the sum of all districts need student counts.
Municipal Wealth	30%	Inverse of district AENGLC multiplied by district enrollment divided by the sum of all district products resulting from their inverse AENGLC multiplied by enrollment.
Flat Grant	20%	Flat grant portion divided equally across all eligible districts.

## Appendices

### Appendix A: What is the Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP)?

- LoCIP provides municipalities with funds for local capital improvement projects, including roads, bridges, and public building construction.
- Funds can be used for projects approved by the municipality's legislative body and included in a five-year capital improvement plan or through emergency authorization.
- LoCIP-eligible projects are defined by state law and regulations and generally do not include school-related costs.
- LoCIP grant amounts vary annually based on appropriations approved by the State Bond Commission.
- On average, approximately \$30 million is allocated annually to LoCIP.

#### LoCIP Entitlement Calculation

Component	Weight	Calculation
Road Miles	30%	Municipal road miles divided by total state road miles.
Population Density	25%	Town density multiplied by town population divided by the sum of all town density calculations.
Municipal Wealth	25%	Town population multiplied by the inverse of town AENGLC divided by the sum of all town wealth calculations.
Population	20%	Municipal population divided by total state population.

## Appendix B: Estimated DRIP Grants by District<sup>1</sup>

The table below displays an example of the potential funding by district that could be allocated through DRIP. Columns 2 – 4 represent the grant amounts attributable to each formula component outlined above.

District	Need Student Portion of Proposed Grant	Flat Grant Portion of Proposed Grant	Wealth Portion of Proposed Grant	Total Proposed Grant
ACES	\$54,513	\$30,769	\$26,111	\$111,393
Achievement First Bridgeport Academy	\$35,276	\$30,769	\$37,181	\$103,226
Achievement First Hartford Academy	\$31,084	\$30,769	\$69,987	\$131,840
Amistad Academy	\$36,619	\$30,769	\$34,236	\$101,624
Andover School District	\$5,640	\$30,769	\$2,798	\$39,208
Ansonia School District	\$74,629	\$30,769	\$53,733	\$159,132
Ashford School District	\$10,028	\$30,769	\$5,825	\$46,623
Avon School District	\$83,462	\$30,769	\$14,624	\$128,855
Barkhamsted School District	\$6,168	\$30,769	\$2,081	\$39,019
Berlin School District	\$74,639	\$30,769	\$23,817	\$129,225
Bethany School District	\$12,277	\$30,769	\$3,163	\$46,209
Bethel School District	\$93,203	\$30,769	\$30,576	\$154,549
Bloomfield School District	\$60,685	\$30,769	\$21,180	\$112,634
Bolton School District	\$19,185	\$30,769	\$7,986	\$57,941
Booker T. Washington Academy	\$12,775	\$30,769	\$11,686	\$55,230
Bozrah School District	\$4,881	\$30,769	\$1,748	\$37,397
Branford School District	\$75,804	\$30,769	\$16,341	\$122,914
Brass City Charter School	\$11,413	\$30,769	\$14,864	\$57,047
Bridgeport School District	\$690,732	\$30,769	\$663,406	\$1,384,907
Bristol School District	\$240,549	\$30,769	\$145,989	\$417,307
Brookfield School District	\$71,905	\$30,769	\$18,644	\$121,318

<sup>1</sup> The Goodwin University Magnet Schools (GUMS) System would be eligible for grant funding through DRIP and its grant calculation would align to the calculation for Regional Educational Service Centers (RESCs). However, an estimated DRIP grant for GUMS was not able to be calculated at this time as the Connecticut State Department of Education does not currently publish an AENGLC for GUMS.

District	Need Student Portion of Proposed Grant	Flat Grant Portion of Proposed Grant	Wealth Portion of Proposed Grant	Total Proposed Grant
Brooklyn School District	\$25,693	\$30,769	\$15,680	\$72,143
C.E.S.	\$25,623	\$30,769	\$6,704	\$63,096
Canaan School District	\$2,276	\$30,769	\$447	\$33,493
Canterbury School District	\$13,710	\$30,769	\$6,939	\$51,418
Canton School District	\$41,268	\$30,769	\$12,902	\$84,939
Capital Preparatory Harbor School District	\$24,516	\$30,769	\$26,447	\$81,732
Chaplin School District	\$4,457	\$30,769	\$2,324	\$37,550
Cheshire School District	\$114,768	\$30,769	\$35,046	\$180,583
Chester School District	\$5,712	\$30,769	\$1,946	\$38,427
Clinton School District	\$42,810	\$30,769	\$12,050	\$85,629
Colchester School District	\$60,688	\$30,769	\$30,372	\$121,829
Colebrook School District	\$1,931	\$30,769	\$485	\$33,185
Columbia School District	\$13,044	\$30,769	\$5,839	\$49,652
Common Ground High School	\$7,207	\$30,769	\$6,786	\$44,763
Cornwall School District	\$2,710	\$30,769	\$307	\$33,787
Coventry School District	\$45,364	\$30,769	\$19,792	\$95,925
CREC	\$277,269	\$30,769	\$112,233	\$420,271
Cromwell School District	\$53,731	\$30,769	\$17,564	\$102,064
Danbury School District	\$385,991	\$30,769	\$166,382	\$583,143
Darien School District	\$123,519	\$30,769	\$4,416	\$158,704
Deep River School District	\$5,597	\$30,769	\$1,761	\$38,128
Derby School District	\$41,503	\$30,769	\$27,406	\$99,679
East Granby School District	\$22,236	\$30,769	\$8,074	\$61,079
East Haddam School District	\$27,797	\$30,769	\$8,837	\$67,404
East Hampton School District	\$47,974	\$30,769	\$20,466	\$99,209

District	Need Student Portion of Proposed Grant	Flat Grant Portion of Proposed Grant	Wealth Portion of Proposed Grant	Total Proposed Grant
East Hartford School District	\$205,585	\$30,769	\$208,447	\$444,801
East Haven School District	\$89,100	\$30,769	\$58,912	\$178,780
East Lyme School District	\$70,642	\$30,769	\$22,273	\$123,684
East Windsor School District	\$32,388	\$30,769	\$12,468	\$75,625
EASTCONN	\$11,582	\$30,769	\$6,039	\$48,390
Eastford School District	\$4,839	\$30,769	\$2,108	\$37,716
Easton School District	\$24,104	\$30,769	\$4,080	\$58,953
EdAdvance	\$9,479	\$30,769	\$2,969	\$43,217
Ellington School District	\$70,324	\$30,769	\$28,082	\$129,175
Elm City College Preparatory School	\$25,147	\$30,769	\$23,585	\$79,501
Elm City Montessori School	\$8,726	\$30,769	\$9,282	\$48,777
Enfield School District	\$144,896	\$30,769	\$93,597	\$269,262
Essex School District	\$8,526	\$30,769	\$1,438	\$40,733
Explorations	\$2,811	\$30,769	\$1,548	\$35,128
Fairfield School District	\$257,616	\$30,769	\$37,291	\$325,677
Farmington School District	\$115,061	\$30,769	\$26,527	\$172,357
Franklin School District	\$5,246	\$30,769	\$1,886	\$37,901
Glastonbury School District	\$152,035	\$30,769	\$36,456	\$219,260
Granby School District	\$47,277	\$30,769	\$16,234	\$94,280
Great Oaks Charter School	\$20,305	\$30,769	\$22,316	\$73,389
Greenwich School District	\$236,902	\$30,769	\$9,111	\$276,782
Griswold School District	\$53,682	\$30,769	\$41,396	\$125,847
Groton School District	\$124,601	\$30,769	\$51,597	\$206,968
Guilford School District	\$84,087	\$30,769	\$16,650	\$131,507
Hamden School District	\$164,496	\$30,769	\$98,142	\$293,407
Hampton School District	\$2,195	\$30,769	\$767	\$33,731
Hartford School District	\$576,118	\$30,769	\$1,226,334	\$1,833,221

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Hartland School District	\$2,962	\$30,769	\$948	\$34,679
Hebron School District	\$18,968	\$30,769	\$7,650	\$57,388
Highville Charter School	\$15,677	\$30,769	\$15,338	\$61,783
Integrated Day Charter School	\$10,562	\$30,769	\$10,897	\$52,228
Interdistrict School for Arts and Comm	\$9,125	\$30,769	\$8,060	\$47,954
Jumoke Academy	\$20,952	\$30,769	\$45,080	\$96,801
Kent School District	\$5,310	\$30,769	\$722	\$36,801
Killingly School District	\$72,742	\$30,769	\$46,031	\$149,543
LEARN	\$43,051	\$30,769	\$14,018	\$87,838
Lebanon School District	\$28,017	\$30,769	\$10,156	\$68,942
Ledyard School District	\$69,902	\$30,769	\$39,744	\$140,416
Lisbon School District	\$12,868	\$30,769	\$7,295	\$50,932
Madison School District	\$63,785	\$30,769	\$9,277	\$103,831
Manchester School District	\$191,342	\$30,769	\$126,878	\$348,989
Mansfield School District	\$28,512	\$30,769	\$58,002	\$117,284
Marlborough School District	\$12,070	\$30,769	\$4,160	\$46,999
Meriden School District	\$297,583	\$30,769	\$267,540	\$595,893
Middletown School District	\$130,765	\$30,769	\$72,246	\$233,780
Milford School District	\$151,259	\$30,769	\$43,028	\$225,056
Monroe School District	\$93,570	\$30,769	\$25,688	\$150,027
Montville School District	\$60,412	\$30,769	\$41,396	\$132,577
Naugatuck School District	\$132,222	\$30,769	\$90,248	\$253,239
New Beginnings Family Academy	\$12,882	\$30,769	\$13,274	\$56,925
New Britain School District	\$334,039	\$30,769	\$449,033	\$813,842
New Canaan School District	\$105,672	\$30,769	\$4,581	\$141,021

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New Fairfield School District	\$59,105	\$30,769	\$16,100	\$105,975
New Hartford School District	\$12,626	\$30,769	\$3,789	\$47,184
New Haven School District	\$634,981	\$30,769	\$577,167	\$1,242,918
New London School District	\$103,492	\$30,769	\$84,408	\$218,669
New Milford School District	\$104,029	\$30,769	\$39,151	\$173,950
Newington School District	\$113,527	\$30,769	\$48,781	\$193,077
Newtown School District	\$106,313	\$30,769	\$26,597	\$163,679
Norfolk School District	\$1,610	\$30,769	\$298	\$32,677
North Branford School District	\$42,756	\$30,769	\$15,474	\$89,000
North Canaan School District	\$7,134	\$30,769	\$3,597	\$41,500
North Haven School District	\$90,499	\$30,769	\$23,855	\$145,124
North Stonington School District	\$20,184	\$30,769	\$7,050	\$58,003
Norwalk School District	\$357,612	\$30,769	\$74,179	\$462,560
Norwich Free Academy	\$63,188	\$30,769	\$41,069	\$135,027
Norwich School District	\$112,963	\$30,769	\$100,423	\$244,156
Odyssey Community School	\$10,902	\$30,769	\$7,612	\$49,284
Old Saybrook School District	\$28,896	\$30,769	\$3,676	\$63,341
Orange School District	\$34,371	\$30,769	\$7,431	\$72,571
Oxford School District	\$45,266	\$30,769	\$12,752	\$88,787
Park City Prep Charter School	\$13,093	\$30,769	\$13,647	\$57,509
Plainfield School District	\$57,951	\$30,769	\$41,140	\$129,860
Plainville School District	\$66,234	\$30,769	\$39,374	\$136,377
Plymouth School District	\$38,824	\$30,769	\$28,984	\$98,577
Pomfret School District	\$9,584	\$30,769	\$4,057	\$44,410

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Portland School District	\$35,662	\$30,769	\$18,152	\$84,583
Preston School District	\$12,749	\$30,769	\$5,641	\$49,159
Putnam School District	\$36,285	\$30,769	\$24,158	\$91,212
Redding School District	\$23,039	\$30,769	\$2,998	\$56,806
Regional School District 01	\$8,912	\$30,769	\$2,018	\$41,699
Regional School District 04	\$20,554	\$30,769	\$5,683	\$57,006
Regional School District 05	\$56,571	\$30,769	\$12,397	\$99,737
Regional School District 07	\$23,632	\$30,769	\$7,119	\$61,520
Regional School District 08	\$31,455	\$30,769	\$12,417	\$74,641
Regional School District 09	\$20,056	\$30,769	\$2,855	\$53,680
Regional School District 10	\$57,577	\$30,769	\$19,827	\$108,174
Regional School District 11	\$6,257	\$30,769	\$2,894	\$39,920
Regional School District 12	\$21,715	\$30,769	\$1,804	\$54,288
Regional School District 13	\$37,338	\$30,769	\$12,691	\$80,798
Regional School District 14	\$44,141	\$30,769	\$11,416	\$86,326
Regional School District 15	\$93,888	\$30,769	\$26,276	\$150,934
Regional School District 16	\$53,909	\$30,769	\$23,638	\$108,316
Regional School District 17	\$47,889	\$30,769	\$14,297	\$92,955
Regional School District 18	\$34,662	\$30,769	\$4,355	\$69,786
Regional School District 19	\$30,616	\$30,769	\$32,632	\$94,017
Regional School District 20	<i>District is new and data is not available to estimate a proposed grant.</i>			
Ridgefield School District	\$119,125	\$30,769	\$14,229	\$164,123
Rocky Hill School District	\$71,033	\$30,769	\$23,781	\$125,583

District	Need Student Portion of Proposed Grant	Flat Grant Portion of Proposed Grant	Wealth Portion of Proposed Grant	Total Proposed Grant
Salem School District	\$10,726	\$30,769	\$4,867	\$46,362
Salisbury School District	\$8,324	\$30,769	\$788	\$39,880
Scotland School District	\$3,073	\$30,769	\$1,813	\$35,655
Seymour School District	\$62,621	\$30,769	\$31,869	\$125,259
Sharon School District	\$3,088	\$30,769	\$240	\$34,097
Shelton School District	\$130,937	\$30,769	\$42,216	\$203,922
Sherman School District	\$6,370	\$30,769	\$705	\$37,844
Side By Side Charter School	\$7,253	\$30,769	\$1,520	\$39,542
Simsbury School District	\$113,734	\$30,769	\$28,909	\$173,412
Somers School District	\$35,788	\$30,769	\$17,204	\$83,761
South Windsor School District	\$138,372	\$30,769	\$41,419	\$210,560
Southington School District	\$175,186	\$30,769	\$60,923	\$266,878
Sprague School District	\$8,828	\$30,769	\$5,771	\$45,368
Stafford School District	\$38,520	\$30,769	\$23,155	\$92,445
Stamford Charter School for Excellence	\$16,064	\$30,769	\$3,170	\$50,003
Stamford School District	\$502,324	\$30,769	\$95,905	\$628,999
Sterling School District	\$9,421	\$30,769	\$6,476	\$46,666
Stonington School District	\$48,940	\$30,769	\$9,036	\$88,746
Stratford School District	\$202,518	\$30,769	\$80,914	\$314,201
Suffield School District	\$55,465	\$30,769	\$19,506	\$105,740
The Bridge Academy	\$9,437	\$30,769	\$9,515	\$49,722
The Gilbert School	\$13,521	\$30,769	\$6,780	\$51,071
The Woodstock Academy	\$24,983	\$30,769	\$13,192	\$68,944
Thomaston School District	\$22,265	\$30,769	\$11,839	\$64,873
Thompson School District	\$26,150	\$30,769	\$13,443	\$70,362
Tolland School District	\$59,770	\$30,769	\$21,348	\$111,887
Torrington School District	\$127,059	\$30,769	\$101,574	\$259,402

District	Need Student Portion of Proposed Grant	Flat Grant Portion of Proposed Grant	Wealth Portion of Proposed Grant	Total Proposed Grant
Trumbull School District	\$189,622	\$30,769	\$59,921	\$280,312
Union School District	\$1,376	\$30,769	\$446	\$32,592
Vernon School District	\$97,887	\$30,769	\$76,659	\$205,315
Voluntown School District	\$6,716	\$30,769	\$3,196	\$40,681
Wallingford School District	\$154,159	\$30,769	\$60,792	\$245,721
Waterbury School District	\$645,962	\$30,769	\$776,223	\$1,452,954
Waterford School District	\$66,628	\$30,769	\$15,820	\$113,218
Watertown School District	\$75,226	\$30,769	\$35,221	\$141,216
West Hartford School District	\$264,501	\$30,769	\$76,343	\$371,613
West Haven School District	\$189,588	\$30,769	\$168,145	\$388,503
Westbrook School District	\$17,489	\$30,769	\$3,536	\$51,794
Weston School District	\$56,340	\$30,769	\$4,609	\$91,719
Westport School District	\$138,682	\$30,769	\$5,626	\$175,078
Wethersfield School District	\$102,498	\$30,769	\$43,008	\$176,275
Wilmington School District	\$11,337	\$30,769	\$6,093	\$48,200
Wilton School District	\$100,962	\$30,769	\$8,698	\$140,430
Winchester School District	\$18,980	\$30,769	\$10,887	\$60,636
Windham School District	\$110,308	\$30,769	\$153,098	\$294,176
Windsor Locks School District	\$44,171	\$30,769	\$17,090	\$92,029
Windsor School District	\$100,072	\$30,769	\$37,099	\$167,940
Wolcott School District	\$61,503	\$30,769	\$34,879	\$127,152
Woodbridge School District	\$23,722	\$30,769	\$4,457	\$58,948
Woodstock School District	\$21,482	\$30,769	\$8,782	\$61,034