

Education Cost Sharing (ECS) Grant Subcommittee

Assumptions Associated with Proposed Changes to ECS Formula

I. Need (Weighted) Students

- **District Performance Index (DPI) replaces Title I Poverty and English Language Learners.**

II. Foundation

- **For the purposes of the grant simulations, a foundation of \$10,200 was used based in part as it reflects the 2011-12 state average of Regular Program Expenditures per Need Student. However, the Subcommittee recommends a comprehensive study around the demographic and economic factors that should be considered when determining an appropriate foundation level.**

III. Town Wealth

- **Median Household Income (MHI) replaces the averaging of MHI and Per Capital Income (PCI).**
- **Property Tax Base and Income are given equal weighting in the determination of town wealth.**
- **State Guaranteed Wealth Level set at 1.47 times the median town wealth.**

IV. Target Aid

- **The minimum aid ratio is reduced from 9 percent to zero.**
- **No town shall receive less than their 2012-13 ECS entitlement.**

V. Phase-In

- **The simulations reflect a four-year phase-in: funding 25%, 50%, 75% and 100% of the gap between the target aid and the 2012-13 entitlements, respectively, in years one through four.**
- **Data would be frozen during the phase-in period.**