



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer

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SUBJECT: Announcement of *Promoting Financial Literacy in Middle School* Request For Proposal (RFP)

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and the Connecticut Department of Banking (CDOB) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to offer an opportunity for local education agencies (LEAs) to apply for the above-captioned RFP. This grant opportunity is non-competitive and open to all public schools. All districts are encouraged to apply; priority will be given to districts who have not been previously awarded funds for this grant opportunity.

The *Promoting Financial Literacy in Middle School* RFP focuses exclusively on grades 6-8. The RFP enables LEAs to begin preparing middle grade students to navigate the complex consumer economy of the 21st century as informed and civically engaged citizens.

Districts are encouraged to use awards to create new Financial Literacy programming or to enhance and improve current offerings. For the purpose of this RFP, any teacher with grade-appropriate certification is deemed qualified to teach this content. Topics such as spending and saving, credit and debt, employment and income, investing, risk management and insurance as well as comprehensive financial decision making are suggested for inclusion in unit and lesson planning. Nationally-recognized Personal Finance Standards (e.g., JumpStart or National Business Educator Association) must be utilized when designing curriculum and learning tasks. Middle school programming should vertically align with local high school graduation requirements for Personal Finance and/or high school course offerings.

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