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CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford

TO BE PROPOSED:
April 6, 2015

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-95(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the Connecticut Technical High School System's Tuition and Fee Schedule for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of _____, this sixth day of April, Two Thousand Fifteen.

Signed: _____
Dianna R. Wentzell, Secretary
State Board of Education

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TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell, Interim Commissioner of Education
DATE: April 6, 2015
SUBJECT: Tuition and Fees for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017

Executive Summary

Introduction

The State of Connecticut continues to face significant financial challenges that may lead to fewer resources for state agencies. School districts – including the Connecticut Technical High School System (CTHSS) – must continue to explore all options to reduce operating costs.

In the CTHSS, we must continue our ongoing examination of the cost of providing adult education programs, food service operations, and production work opportunities.

History/Background

Subsection (a) of Section 10-95e of the Connecticut General Statutes specifies in part, that “the State Board of Education shall fix the tuition fees to be charged students for preparatory and supplemental programs including apprenticeship programs.”

The proposed tuition and fees for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 are attached for your review and approval.

Recommendation and Justification

Our review of the Governor’s Proposed Budget for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 biennium indicates continued stable funding for these programs in the CTHSS. This fact, combined with feedback from our students and parents, has led us to propose no tuition and fee increases at this time.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve this proposed tuition and fee schedule which will enable the district to continue to provide affordable educational opportunities to adults in need of additional training and school lunches and breakfasts to our secondary population at no additional cost.

In the event that the district is subject to significant state budget reductions over the next 24 months that impact any of these programs, we reserve the right to revisit the tuition and fee schedule and propose increases to the State Board of Education.

Policy Implications

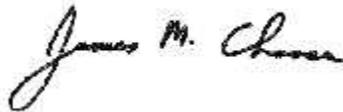
Presently, the district enrolls approximately 350-400 adult students in full-time adult programs – such as aviation maintenance, licensed practical nurse (LPN), surgical technology, medical assisting and dental assisting.

In addition, more than 2,000 adult students are enrolled in part-time adult apprentice and extension programs. Course examples include electrical, plumbing, basic telecommunications, and motor controls.

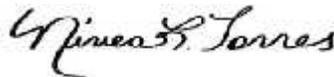
Unfortunately, the costs to operate many of these adult programs exceed the tuition charged to participating students. If the tuition rates were to be raised to a self-sustaining level, most of the students could not afford to attend. The district must therefore utilize state funds to support the programs as the district is not eligible for state adult education grant funds.

Follow-up Activities

Upon your approval, an administrative letter will be issued to the Connecticut Technical High Schools notifying them of the tuition and fees for fiscal year 2016 and 2017.



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Approved by: _____
Dr. Nivea L. Torres, Superintendent of Schools
Connecticut Technical High School System

Connecticut Technical High School System
Tuition and Fee Schedule for FY 2016 and 2017

Full-Time Adult Programs

The district presently enrolls approximately 350-400 adult students in full-time specialized programs as listed below. The ability to operate full-time adult programs in the district is dependent on the availability of state funds (payroll) as tuition revenues are not sufficient to cover operating costs.

In anticipation of stable state funding for these programs, the CTHSS recommends no increases in the tuition rates for the full-time adult programs for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

Program	Approximate Enrollment	Current Tuition Rate	Proposed Rate FY 2016	Proposed Increase FY 2016	Proposed Rate FY 2017	Proposed Increase FY 2017
Aviation	94	\$6,972 paid over two years	\$6,972 paid over two years	\$0 (0%)	\$6,972 paid over two years	\$0 (0%)
Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA)	24	\$1,400 per ten week cohort	\$1,400 per ten week cohort	\$0 (0%)	\$1,400 per ten week cohort	\$0 (0%)
Dental Assistant	26	\$1,855 per semester	\$1,855 per semester	\$0 (0%)	\$1,855 per semester	\$0 (0%)
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) (In-State Rate)	200	\$11,550 paid over three semesters	\$11,550 paid over three semesters (Sept. 2015 class start date)	\$0 (0%)	\$11,550 paid over three semesters (Jan. 2017 class start date)	\$0 (0%)
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) (Out- of-State Rate)	0	\$23,772 paid over three semesters	\$23,772 paid over three semesters (Sept. 2015 class start date)	\$0 (0%)	\$23,772 paid over three semesters (Jan. 2017 class start date)	\$0 (0%)

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Medical Assistant	16	\$1,855 per semester	\$1,855 per semester	\$0 (0%)	\$1,855 per semester	\$0 (0%)
Post Graduates (i.e. Bristol)	50	\$1,855 per semester	\$1,855 per semester	\$0 (0%)	\$1,855 per semester	\$0 (0%)
Surgical Technology	30	\$1,855 per semester	\$1,855 per semester	\$0 (0%)	\$1,855 per semester	\$0 (0%)

Part-Time Adult Programs - Apprenticeship

The district also provides part-time educational programs to apprentices registered with the State Department of Labor (DOL). These theory-based courses are required as apprentices advance towards becoming licensed journeymen and masters in the electrical, plumbing or heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) trades.

Beginning in FY 2014, the apprentice tuition rate was tripled from \$100 per course to \$300 per course.

As a result of the significant increase in the tuition rate for FY 2014, we are not recommending an increase in the apprentice tuition rate for FY 2016 and FY 2017.

Part-Time Adult Programs - Extension

Students not registered with the Department of Labor (DOL) are considered extension students and may register for an apprentice course as space allows. However, they are currently required to pay tuition of \$325 per course.

We are not recommending an increase in the extension tuition rate at this time.

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School Lunch and Breakfast

The CTHSS school lunch program serves more than 820,000 school lunches and 315,000 school breakfasts annually.

In the 2013-14 school year, approximately 78% (636,000) of the lunches served were to students eligible for a federally subsidized free or reduced lunch.

Approximately 95% of the breakfasts served (300,000) were to free or reduced eligible students.

The CTHSS' current rate for a paid qualifying lunch is \$3.25 and \$2.25 for a paid qualifying breakfast.

Based on a survey of 29 towns in Connecticut, the average rate in a Local Education Agency (LEA) is \$3.00 for lunch and \$1.65 for breakfast.

In consideration of concerns raised by students and parents relative to the cost of the CTHSS school meal program, we are not recommending further increases for FY 2016 and FY 2017.

Educational Production Rates

Educational production work supplements the curriculum and provides students with effective skill training and promotes workplace readiness. A student labor rate is charged to customers for services provided.

The established rates are normally lower than industry standards due to the inconvenience to customers for the additional time required to provide services.

The district generates in excess of \$800,000 annually in production revenues with 100% of the revenue being allocated back to the programs that produced the revenue.

As the current labor rates appear to be fair, we are not requesting an increase in any of the production rates but are listing them below for informational purposes.

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Educational Production Rates

Trade/Technology	Current Hourly Student Labor Rates
Architectural Technologies	\$18.00
Automotive Collision Repair/Refinishing	\$18.00
Automotive Technology	\$18.00
Aviation Maintenance Technology	\$18.00
Carpentry	\$18.00
Computer-Aided Drafting and Design (CADD)	\$18.00
Diesel and Heavy-Duty Equip. Repair	\$18.00
Electrical	\$18.00
Fashion Technology	\$18.00
Graphics Technology	\$18.00
Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC)	\$18.00
Tourism, Hospitality and Guest Services Management	\$18.00
Manufacturing Technology	\$18.00
Masonry	\$18.00
Plumbing, Heating and Cooling	\$18.00
Welding and Metal Fabrication	\$18.00
Baking	Food cost plus 100%
Culinary Arts (site based)	Food cost plus 125%
Hairdressing/Cosmetology	Service Based Fees