



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**TO:** Superintendents of Schools

**FROM:** Irene E. Parisi, Chief Academic Officer *IEP*

**DATE:** July 15, 2020

**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 associations (LEAs) to apply for the above-captioned RFP. This grant opportunity is non-competitive and open to all public schools.

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 21<sup>st</sup> century as informed and civically engaged citizens.

Districts are encouraged to use the awarded funds 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.

We invite a representative(s) from your district to attend an upcoming informational Zoom session from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., on July 30, 2020. Presented by Yanelly Espinal of NextGen Personal Finance, the session will focus on engaging students in the middle Grades of 6-8 in hands-on learning about financial literacy and provide attendees insight into responding to the RFP. To register for the session go to <https://ng-db-234000.appspot.com/register/168472>.

Should you need additional information please contact Kyllie Freeman, Academic Office Associate Education Consultant for Career and Technical Education, at [kyllie.freeman@ct.gov](mailto:kyllie.freeman@ct.gov).

We thank you for your interest and look forward to you and/or your representative joining us on July 30, 2020, for the informational session.

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