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## Connecticut State Board of Education Hartford

**To Be Proposed:**  
October 6, 2021

**Resolved**, That the State Board of Education approves the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget Reduction Options, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ this sixth day of October, Two Thousand Twenty-One.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Secretary  
State Board of Education

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Hartford**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker  
Commissioner of Education

DATE: October 6, 2021

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Budget Reduction Options

As part of the midterm budget process, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) has instructed agencies to submit realistic and achievable reduction options, particularly those related to savings opportunities identified in the *Cliff Retirements Adding Efficiency, Accountability, and Technology to Economize State Government* (CREATES) report and other efficiencies that can be implemented during the current biennium, or for reduction or elimination of programs that are not central to the agency's mission.

Excluding formula-based municipal aid, the Department is submitting reduction options totaling \$1,234,461 for FY 2023. Understanding the challenges facing our districts from the ongoing pandemic, our submission requests holding critical entitlement grants, such as the Education Cost Sharing grant and Excess Cost grant that provides aid to districts for high-cost special education students, to the levels budgeted for FY 2023.

The proposed reductions are as follows:

**Central Office:** The Department proposes eliminating the following pass-through grants. Given the significant federal education COVID relief funds we have received, we believe there is an opportunity to fund these targeted grants through other sources to continue this work.

CT Writing Project	\$20,250
Bridges to Success	\$27,000
Leadership, Education, Athletics in Partnership	\$312,211

**CT Technical Education and Career System (CTECS):** In alignment with the recommendations of the CREATES report, CTECS proposes the following reductions.

Personal Services Elimination of five (5) positions and a 10 percent reduction in overtime.	\$625,000
Other Expenses Reduction of four (4) School Resource Officer positions and savings associated with transition to a cashless system at the schools that will eliminate the need for armored service pickup.	\$250,000

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