



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**Bridgeport Public Schools Action to Address District Needs
May 2026**

On January 22, 2025, pursuant to Section 10-223e(e)(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the State Board of Education directed the Commissioner of Education to take the necessary action to address the stability of operations of the Bridgeport Public Schools (BPS), improve student performance, and address other needs of the school district.

Technical Assistance Team Update

Since February 2025, the Technical Assistance Team (the “Team”) has been working directly with the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and BPS leadership to support the district in addressing the areas of fiscal and human resources decision-making, facilities and maintenance, school climate, general and special education instruction, and operational efficiency and effectiveness of the Bridgeport Board of Education (BBE). Attached is the *Bridgeport Education Update* addressed by the Team and will be sent to the Bridgeport community. It includes a list of critical actions led by the Team and by the CSDE staff over the past 16 months to support the district to bring increased stability.

Presentation of Bridgeport Public Schools Implementation of Forensic Audit Recommendations

On May 9, 2025, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (CLA) was hired by the CSDE pursuant to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) master service agreement #23PSX0146 to conduct a forensic audit of BPS. CLA concluded its work in July 2025, and published the *Forensic Audit of Bridgeport Public School District* resulting in 34 recommendations for BPS and the BBE. On October 11, 2025, Public Works LLC (PW) was hired by the CSDE pursuant to the DAS master service agreement #22PSX0074 to provide BPS with technical assistance to address the 34 recommendations.

The attached presentation prepared by PW provides a status report on BPS’s progress towards addressing the 34 recommendations as of May 1, 2026. BPS has completed 10, is actively working on 21, and has recently initiated work on 3 recommendations. PW will continue their support for BPS through June 30, 2026, focusing on addressing the remaining recommendations and developing a sustainability plan for ongoing use by BPS leadership.