STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TO: Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Bryan Klimkiewicz, Special Education Division Director

DATE: November 2, 2026

SUBJECT: 2026 IDEA LEA Determinations

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is required to report annually to the public on the performance of each school district in relation to the targets in the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 (IDEA) Section 616(b)(2)(C)(ii)(1). Upon review of that data, all states must determine the assignment of each local education agency (LEA) to one of four categories, consistent with IDEA requirements: *Meets Requirements; Needs Assistance (Levels 1 and 2); Needs Intervention (Levels 1 and 2);* or *Needs Substantial Intervention*. The 2026 LEA APR aligns with the 2024-25 data reported to the federal Office of Special Education Programs on February 2, 2026. School district personnel and other interested parties are now able to access the 2026 APRs in EdSight at: Special Education Annual Performance Reports.

APRs should be reviewed and analyzed to inform future strategic planning with the goal of improving educational outcomes for students with disabilities. Any district that receives a determination of Need Assistance-Level 2, Needs Intervention (Levels 1 and 2), or Needs Substantial Intervention will receive an additional communication from the Bureau of Special Education (BSE) in the near future. Included with this communication are two attachments including an in-depth description of the determination process, categories, and enforcement actions (Attachment 1) and a reference list of the 18 indicators that comprise the 2026 Annual Performance Report (APR) (Attachment 2).

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