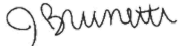




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To: Superintendents of Schools
Charter School Directors
Regional Educational Service Center Directors
School Business Officials

From: Jessica Brunetti, Chief of Fiscal/Administrative Services 

Date: July 20, 2026

Subject: 2025-26 Education Financial System

The Education Financial System (EFS) is now open for filing Fiscal Year 2025-26 financial data with the Connecticut State Department of Education.

The EFS is accessible via our data collection portal at <https://csde.ct.gov>. **If you are a new user of EFS, please review the EFS Training Webinar included on the [EFS Website](#).** That site also includes the EFS User Guide and additional information regarding the system. **Please refer to the attachment for information regarding a new EFS report for this year.**

The EFS user logins and roles for each local education agency (LEA) are assigned in Directory Manager (DM) by your district's LEA Security Manager (a list of whom is included on the [DM Help Site](#)). Help with forgotten login information is available at <http://sdeportal.ct.gov/portaluser>.

Email this memo to your municipality to request information about in-kind services. You can find a sample of the in-kind worksheet at [our EFS website](#).

Please note the following role assignments:

- EFS LEA Writer is required to enter data in the system.
- EFS LEA Reader is optional and allows the user to review data but not make entries.
- EFS LEA Certifier must be assigned **only** to the Superintendent of Schools for local and regional school districts, and the Director for other LEAs.

The statutory deadline for filing is September 1. Be reminded that data is not final until certified by the Superintendent/Director. Pursuant to Section 10-227 of the Connecticut General Statutes, **a penalty of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$10,000 may be assessed if your district fails to comply with this deadline.**

Please e-mail any questions to the general EFS mailbox at SDE.efs@ct.gov.

Thank you.

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Attachment

2025-26 Education Financial System (EFS)

July 2026

New last year Special Education Excess Cost Grant (SEECG) expenditure summary report

We have added a new download on the EFS home page, item #6 (SEECG expenditure report). This report is intended to assist local and regional school districts with reconciling special education tuition expenditures reported in EFS with tuition reported in SEECG. The report is based on the most current SEECG collection and will indicate the date the data was pulled from the SEECG system.