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## State awards over \$6.7 million in grants to Alliance District schools

(HARTFORD, CT) - State Department of Education Commissioner Dianna R. Wentzell today announced the State Bond Commission has approved \$6.7 million in grants to help Alliance District schools purchase technology and upgrade classrooms in an effort to bolster school improvement efforts.

The purpose of the grant is to support schools identified as Turnaround, Focus, or Review under the state's <u>Next</u> <u>Generation Accountability System</u> and to invest in projects that are aligned to school improvement goals and student outcomes. The grants will go to 23 schools in 11 districts across the state. A total of 78 schools from 20 districts submitted applications for the competitive grant.

"If we want to provide all of our students with a high-quality education, we have to make greater investments in schools that need the most help. These grants will put more computers, tablets, and interactive whiteboards in classrooms across Connecticut and, used smartly, can help students who face the most challenges overcome barriers and excel," said Governor Dannel P. Malloy. "We are pleased to offer additional investment opportunities to support school improvement and commend our districts for pursuing such resources."

"Ensuring equity and excellence means providing technology and state-of-the-art learning spaces to all students," Commissioner of Education Dianna R. Wentzell. "These grants are designed to bolster school improvement efforts in Alliance District schools that are working to close the achievement gap and strengthen student learning. We are grateful for the leadership of Governor Malloy and for his steadfast support of education in Connecticut."

Low-performing School Bond Awards						
District	School Name	Classification	Amount			
Norwich	Veterans Memorial	SIG/Focus	\$ 460,000			
Waterbury	Crosby HS	CN/Review	\$ 99,950			
Hamden	Ridge Hill Elementary	Review	\$ 293,860			
Waterbury	Walsh Elementary	CN/Turnaround	\$ 42,586			
Bridge Academy Charter	Bridge Academy Charter	Review	\$ 268,000			
Waterbury	Bucks Hill Elementary	Focus	\$ 350,000			
Waterbury	Bunker Hill Elementary	Review	\$ 334,000			
Waterbury	Carrington Elementary	Review	\$ 350,000			
Waterbury	North End MS	Review	\$ 383,000			
Waterbury	Wallace MS	Review	\$ 360,600			

Waterbury	West Side MS	Review	\$ 365,900
Waterbury	Wilson School	Review	\$ 311,500
Bridgeport	Blackham School	Review	\$ 499,656
Waterbury	Chase Elementary	Review	\$ 326,700
Waterbury	Washington Elementary	Review	\$ 305,300
New Britain	Pulaski	SIG/Turnaround	\$ 97,000
Ansonia	Ansonia HS	Review	\$ 381,000
Waterbury	Driggs Elementary	Review	\$ 326,600
Waterbury	Hopeville Elementary	Review	\$ 323,700
Winchester	Pearson School	CN	\$ 57,868
Windham	Windham HS	Turnaround	\$ 129,610
Hartford	Burr School	Review	\$ 290,592
Stamford	Davenport Ridge	Focus	\$ 379,600

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