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The Honorable Ned Lamont
Governor
State of Connecticut
State Capitol
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Lamont:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 10-283(a)(2), please see the attached 2026 School Building Project Priority List. This Priority List includes:

- 6 new projects with combined total project costs estimated at $305,592,768 (see Section 1). The estimated new state grant obligation for these projects would be $141,717,908.

In addition, I have included a list of the non-priority projects administratively awarded in the previous fiscal year (see Addendum A), as required by C.G.S. § 10-283(a)(2).

Under a separate cover, I am also transmitting this Priority List to the General Assembly, through the committee established to review the listing of eligible school building project grants in accordance with C.G.S. § 10-283a. Pursuant to this section, the committee may modify such Priority List and is required to submit the list as approved or modified to you and the full General Assembly prior to February 1, 2026.

Please note that the General Assembly made two statutory changes during the 2025 legislative session that may result in limited increases to the cost of school construction grants going forward:

- The 15% reimbursement rate increase in § 10-285a(e) for space within school building projects that provide early childhood care and education programming for children from birth to five years (established in 2024, P.A. 24-151) was expanded to apply to the entire project (P.A. 25-174, Section 142).
- § 10-285a now provides a 15% reimbursement rate increase for special education space within certain renovation or expansion projects that include plans for the expansion or creation of in-district special education programming and services (P.A. 25-174, Section 143).

In addition, I highlight for your awareness the following changes to the grant program made by the legislature during the 2025 legislative session:

- Projects to upgrade heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems are now eligible for grant assistance through the non-priority list for which applications are accepted and approved administratively on a monthly basis. The separate, competitive grant program previously established for these projects in §10-265r that provided limited funding in fiscal years 2023 and 2024 was repealed. (P.A. 25-174, Sections 140 and 144.)
- Projects for the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) will no longer have to be processed through the school building project grant program under Chapter 173, and will continue to be

administered by the DAS Real Estate and Construction Services Division as a stand-alone state agency (P.A. 25-174, Sections 140, 144 and 146).

Finally, P.A. 25-1 of the November Special Session further amends § 10-285a to (1) provide a 5% increase to the reimbursement rate for Priority List projects (beginning with the 2028 Priority List) for school boards or endowed academies in municipalities that meet certain housing- and planning-related requirements, and (2) repeal the similar rate incentive for school boards in DOH-designated inclusive municipalities.

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Michelle H. Gilman
Commissioner

cc: School Construction Priority List Review Committee Members
Joshua Wojcik, Secretary, OPM
Jenna Padula, Agency Legal Director, Real Estate and Construction Services Division, DAS
Yadira Gonzalez, Director of Grants Administration, DAS

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School Construction Priority List Review Committee
c/o Education Committee
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Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Members of the School Construction Project Priority List Review Committee:

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §§ 10-283(a)(2) and 10-283a, I hereby request authorization to enter into grant commitments for each project on the attached 2026 School Building Project Priority List. Each project has been placed based on a review of the application, supporting documentation, and educational specifications submitted for each project.

The 2026 School Building Project Priority List consists of the following:

Section 1: Priority List Projects, including estimated project grant and a summary of each project
Section 2: Requests for Reauthorization of Previously Approved Grants
Section 3: Summary Analysis of Previous Priority Lists (for the current and past five years)
Addendum A: Non-Priority List Projects (a list of grants awarded administratively last fiscal year)

The School Construction Project Priority List Review Committee is required by § 10-283a to submit an approved or modified listing of priority projects to the Governor and General Assembly on or after January 1st, and prior to February 1st.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. My team and I are available should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ned Lamont, Governor
Joshua Wojcik, Secretary, OPM
Jenna Padula, Agency Legal Director, Real Estate and Construction Services Division, DAS
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2026 School Building Project Priority List

Department of Administrative Services
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GUIDE TO PROJECT NUMBERS AND ABBREVIATIONS

PROJECT NUMBERS

Each project number contains the Local Education Authority (LEA) Code Number, Sequential Project Number for the District and Project Type Abbreviation.

For example: **034 – 0046 EA** LEA Code Number = 034
Sequential Project Number = 0046
Project Type Abbreviation = EA

ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Project Types Authorized by the General Assembly
A	Alteration
A/TCH	Technology Infrastructure
DV	Diversity School
E	Extension
EA	Extension/Alteration
MAG	Interdistrict Magnet Facility
IC	Interdistrict Cooperative
N	New Construction
PF	Purchase of Facility
PS	Purchase of Site
RNV	Approved Renovation
SP	Regional Special Education
VA	Regional Vocational Agriculture Construction
VE	Regional Vocational Agriculture Equipment

Add'l Abbreviations	Project Types Authorized by the Commissioner
BE	Board of Education/Central Administration Facility
BMS	Building Management Systems
CV	Code Violation
EC	Energy Conservation
HVAC	Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
IAQ	Indoor Air Quality Emergency
LUE	Limited Use Elevator
PV	Photovoltaic
RE	Relocatable Classrooms
RR	Roof Replacement

Abbreviations may be combined, except for IAQ projects that must be stand-alone. For example, "EA/RR" refers to an Extension/Alteration project with a Roof Replacement.

SECTION 1: 2026 PRIORITY LIST PROJECTS

SUMMARY OF PRIORITY LIST PROJECTS

Statutory reference: C.G.S. § 10-283(a)(2)

District / Facility Name	Project Number	Estimated Project Costs	Reimbursement Rate	Estimated Grant
Milford Jonathan Law High School	084-0217 EA	$12,650,000	39.28%	$4,968,920
Norwich Teachers' Memorial Global Studies Magnet Middle School	104-0122 N	$69,367,713	67.14%	$46,573,483
Seymour Bungay Elementary School	124-0058 N	$60,000,000	64.58%	$38,748,000
Stamford Julia Stark Elementary School	135-0294 A/EC	$14,347,081	60.00%*	$8,608,249
Waterbury Roberto Clemente International Dual Language School	151-0318 EA	$38,755,850	78.93%	$30,589,992
Westport Long Lots Elementary School	158-0101 N	$110,472,124	11.07%	$12,229,264
Total (6 Projects)		**$305,592,768**		**$141,717,908**

**Project receives statutory rate of 60% pursuant to C.G.S. § 10-285a(a)(2)*

PRIORITY LIST PROJECT DETAIL

MILFORD / JONATHAN LAW HIGH SCHOOL

Project Number: 084-0217 EA

Projected Enrollment: 739	Grade Range: 9-12
Enrollment Report Conducted By: MP Planning Group	Projected Estimated Floor Area: 227,437 sq. ft.
Cost of Enrollment Report: $7,875	Total Estimated Project Cost: $12,650,000

*Applicant's Project Summary: Jonathan Law High School's technical education classrooms are undersized and located adjacent to traditional education classrooms, which poses sound control and ventilation issues. To meet the growing needs of the student population, and the renewed importance of hands-on, technical education, Milford Public Schools plans to update their facilities to offer comparable learning environments to that of other magnet and technology high schools. The project includes expansion of these programming spaces to enable the creation of additional courses in the areas of manufacturing and design processes that would support additional career pathways in the career and technical education fields in the future. This will be an alteration and expansion project to revitalize existing program spaces, introduce new program spaces, as well as bring the existing mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems up to code to support new equipment and provide proper heating, cooling and ventilation.

NORWICH / TEACHERS' MEMORIAL GLOBAL STUDIES MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL

Project Number: 104-0122 N

Projected Enrollment: 425	Grade Range: 6-8
Enrollment Report Conducted By: MP Planning Group	Projected Estimated Floor Area: 87,000
Cost of Enrollment Report: $9,675	Total Estimated Project Cost: $69,367,713

*Applicant's Project Summary: The Norwich Board of Education and School Building Committee commissioned a facility assessment and master plan for the improve of all Norwich Public Schools. The assessment found that the infrastructure and most of the buildings' original components are in poor to fair condition throughout the district. Many of the programmatic spaces lacked fundamental requirements such as security, technology, power distribution and building controls to regulate temperature and air quality. The project is to build a new Teachers' Memorial Global Studies Magnet Middle School on its current site.

SEYMOUR / BUNGAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Project Number: 124-0058 N

Projected Enrollment: 553	Grade Range: PreK-5
Enrollment Report Conducted By: NESDEC	Projected Estimated Floor Area: 69,309 sq ft
Cost of Enrollment Report: $3,400	Total Estimated Project Cost: $60,000,000

*Applicant's Project Summary: The Board of Selectpersons appointed a Bungay School Facility Needs Study Committee. The Committee identified several deficiencies and areas in need of improvement and found that the facility needs of the school were many and necessary to adequately provide for the safety, physical needs and comfort of the students and staff, including, but not limited to, the social and emotional needs of the student population. The project is for the new construction of Bungay Elementary School on its current site.

STAMFORD / JULIA CLARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Project Number: 135-0294 A/EC

Projected Enrollment: 602	Grade Range: K-5
Enrollment Report Conducted By: SLAM	Projected Estimated Floor Area: 92,189 sq. ft.
Cost of Enrollment Report: $15,750	Total Estimated Project Cost: $14,347,081

*Applicant's Project Summary: This project is an extension alteration to be completed in two phases over two summers. The project includes in part a new elevator and tower addition, eight single use accessible toilet rooms, interior door assist systems, replacement of exterior windows, and roof replacement.

WATERBURY / ROBERTO CLEMENTE INTERNATIONAL DUAL LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Project Number: 151-0318 EA

Projected Enrollment: 481	Grade Range: PreK-8
Enrollment Report Conducted By: MP Planning Group	Projected Estimated Floor Area: 58,917 sq. ft.
Cost of Enrollment Report: $9,000	Total Estimated Project Cost: $

*Applicant's Project Summary: RCIDLS offers a 50-50 dual language immersion program in English and Spanish, aiming to develop bilingual and biliterate students. Expanding the school to include middle school grades ensures continuity in this educational model, providing students with a consistent and immersive language learning experience through grade 8. The current RCIDLS building, originally constructed in 1926, lacks the space and modern amenities required for a full Pre-K through 8th-grade program. The expansion includes renovating existing structures and constructing new facilities to accommodate specialized classrooms, arts and STEM programs, and community spaces.

WESTPORT / LONG LOTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Project Number: 158-0101 N

Projected Enrollment: 683	Grade Range: PreK-5
Enrollment Report Conducted By: MP Planning Group	Projected Estimated Floor Area: 127,892 sq. ft.
Cost of Enrollment Report: $11,000	Total Estimated Project Cost: $110,472,124

*Applicant's Project Summary: As part of the Westport Public Schools Master Plan Facility Study, multiple studies were conducted regarding conditions at Long Lots Elementary School. It recommended that based on these various studies a Renovate Like New for Long Lots would not be cost effective or practical compared to construction as new on the existing site. The Board of Education and Board of Finance voted to move forward with the Long Lots Elementary School project as new construction in June 2022. It was also determined that the Stepping Stones Preschool Program, currently located at the Coleytown Elementary campus, be included within the Long Lots building project due to increasing space limitations at the Coleytown site.

**Applicant's Project Summary description taken directly from the District's Educational Specifications submitted as part of the application*

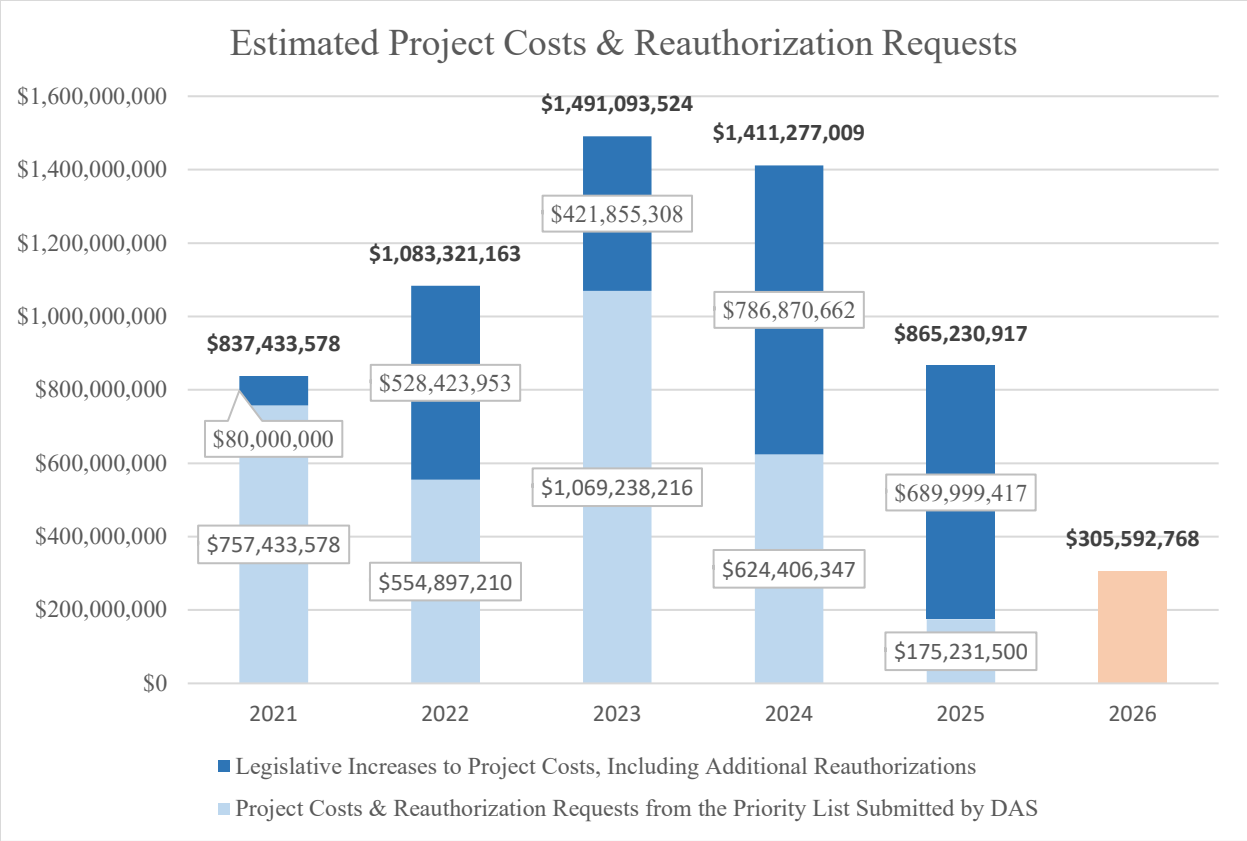
SECTION 2: REQUESTS FOR REAUTHORIZATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED GRANTS

DAS has not received any requests for reauthorization of previously approved grants that have changed in cost or scope to the extent required to be approved through the 2026 Priority List.

SECTION 3: SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF PREVIOUS PRIORITY LISTS

	# of Projects	Estimated Project Costs	Estimated Grant Obligation
Current List:			
2025/2026			
Applications Submitted to DAS	6	$305,592,768	$141,717,908
Reauthorization Request Submitted to DAS	0	$0	$0
Total Projects	6	$305,592,768	$141,717,908
Priority Lists Authorized for the Past Four Years:			
2024/2025			
Applications Submitted to DAS	8	$265,745,539	$172,397,197
Applications Added by Legislature	8	$397,144,329	$289,714,982
Reauthorization Requests Submitted to DAS*	1	$175,231,500	$175,231,500
Cost Increases Authorized by Legislature	14	$292,855,088	$208,155,666
Total Projects	31	$1,130,976,456	$845,499,346
2023/2024			
Applications Submitted to DAS	11	$583,320,021	$470,235,824
Applications Added by Legislature	11	$570,435,552	$312,571,097
Reauthorization Requests Submitted to DAS	2	$41,086,326	$39,032,010
Cost Increases Authorized by Legislature	12	$216,435,110	$99,479,900
Total Projects	36	$1,411,277,009	$921,318,830
2022/2023			
Applications Submitted to DAS	20	$1,016,163,152	$622,619,266
Applications Added by Legislature	5	$204,646,691	$161,124,853
Reauthorization Requests Submitted to DAS	2	$53,075,064	$37,610,051
Cost Increase Authorized by Legislature	8	$217,208,617	$233,571,704
Total Projects	35	$1,491,093,524	$1,054,925,874
2021/2022			
Applications Submitted to DAS	9	$495,344,405	$306,687,229
Applications Added by Legislature	6	$405,242,274	$355,950,274
Reauthorization Request Submitted to DAS	1	$59,552,805	$59,552,805
Cost Increase Authorized by Legislature	9	$123,181,679	$102,417,918
Total Projects	25	$1,083,321,163	$824,608,227

**Total project cost per PA 25-174 including an increase of $50,665,500*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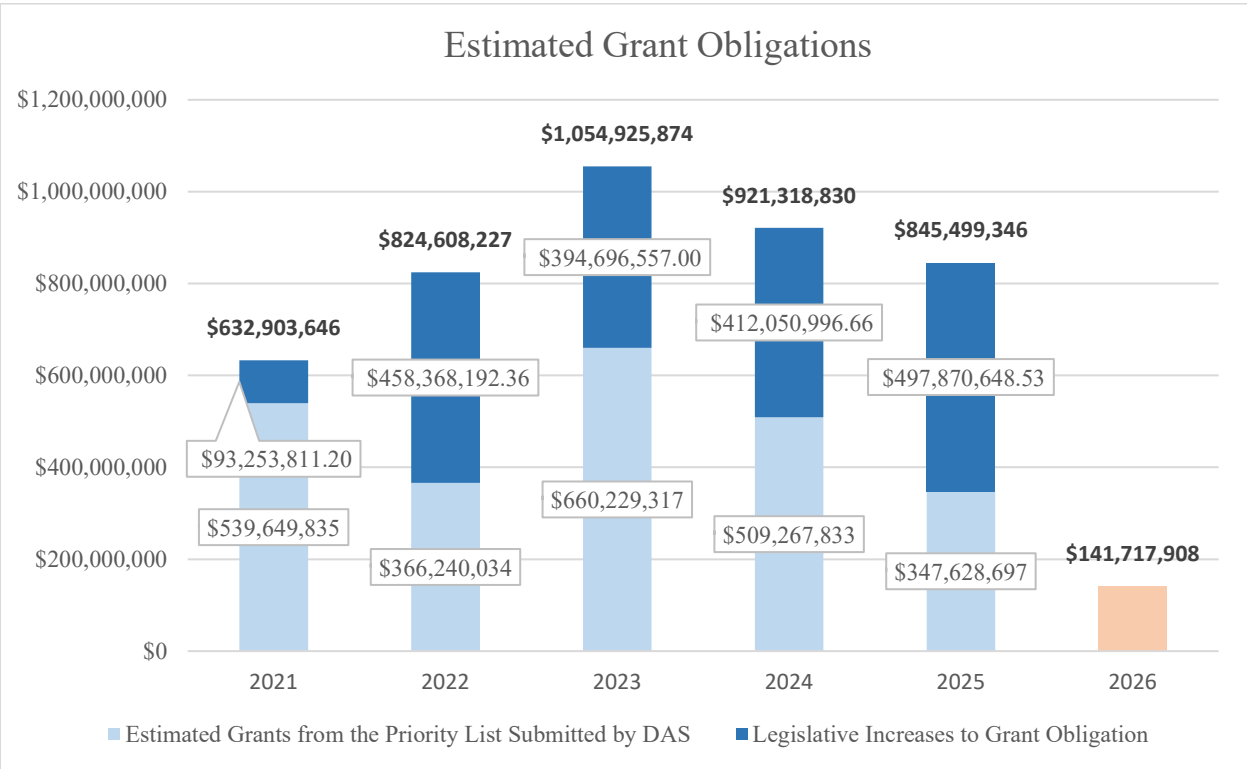
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Estimated Grants from the Priority List Submitted by DAS
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ADDENDUM A: NON-PRIORITY LIST PROJECTS (JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025)

Statutory reference: C.G.S. § 10-283(a)(2)

District / Facility Name (Project Type) **Project receives statutory rate of 60% pursuant to C.G.S. § 10-285a(a)(2)*	**Estimated Project Costs**	**Reimbursement Rate**	**Estimated Grant**
Ansonia / Ansonia High School (002-0060 RR)	$5,025,000	77.86%	$3,912,465
CTECS / Eli Whitney Technical High School	$360,000	100.00%	$360,000
CTECS / Oliver Wolcott Technical High School	$150,000	100.00%	$150,000
Danbury / Hayestown Avenue School (034-0155 LUE)	$2,000,000	63.21%	$1,264,200
Danbury / Ellsworth Avenue School (034-0156 RR)	$2,700,000	64.29%	$1,735,830
East Hartford / Anna E. Norris Elementary School (043-0253 RR)	$506,091	76.43%	$386,805
East Lyme / Lillie B. Haynes Elementary School (045-0064 RR)	$4,362,500	40.71%	$1,775,974
Enfield / Edgar H. Parkman School (049-0145 RR)	$2,291,076	70.71%	$1,620,020
Fairfield / McKinley Elementary School (051-0160 RR)	$1,755,819	26.07%	$457,742
Fairfield / Stratfield Elementary School (051-0161 RR)	$1,268,982	26.07%	$330,824
Fairfield / Tomlinson Middle School (051-0162 RR)	$1,151,755	26.07%	$300,263
Farmington / West Woods Upper Elementary School (052-0080 RR)	$2,384,445	30.00%	$715,334
Glastonbury / Gideon Welles School (054-0100 RR)	$2,500,000	32.50%	$812,500
Hebron / Hebron Elementary School (067-0043 RR)	$1,134,705	55.36%	$628,173
Regional 10 / Harwinton Consolidated School (210-0037 CV/OT)	$569,900	55.00%	$313,445
Regional 7 / Northwestern Regional High School (207-0032 RR)	$931,000	58.57%	$545,287
Shelton / Mohegan Elementary School (126-0091 RR)	$2,254,487	38.57%	$869,556
Simsbury / Tootin' Hills School (128-0114 RR)	$922,437	36.07%	$332,723
South Windsor / South Windsor High School (132-0095 RR)	$876,300	43.21%	$378,649
Southington / Southington High School (131-0131 PV)	$2,495,680	54.64%	$1,363,640
Stamford / Strawberry Hill School (135-0292 PV)	$461,014	60.00%*	$276,608
Stamford / Westover Magnet Elementary School (135-0293 PV)	$1,596,920	60.00%*	$958,152
Waterbury / Wendell L. Cross Elementary School (151-0310 PV)	$1,028,000	78.93%	$811,400
Waterbury / M.M. Generali Elementary School (151-0311 PV)	$544,000	78.93%	$429,379
Waterbury / Sprague Elementary School (151-0312 PV)	$525,000	78.93%	$414,383
Waterbury / Tinker Elementary School (151-0313 PV)	$489,000	78.93%	$385,968
Waterbury / West Side Middle School (151-0314 PV)	$1,014,000	78.93%	$800,350
Waterbury / Driggs Elementary School (151-0315 LUE)	$2,150,825	78.93%	$1,697,646
Waterbury / Woodrow Wilson Elementary School (151-0316 LUE)	$2,016,750	78.93%	$1,591,821
Waterbury / Wallace Middle School & Crosby High School (151-0317 RR)	$6,000,000	78.93%	$4,735,800
West Hartford / Bugbee Elementary School (155-0244 RR)	$1,847,254	38.22%	$706,020
Total (31 Projects)	**$53,312,940**		**$31,060,957**