

Rebalancing State & Local Revenues

Equal educational opportunity for all and a closing of the achievement gap require that we appropriately fund Connecticut's public schools.

This will require:

- 1. Between \$500 million and \$2 billion dollars of net new spending annually**
- 2. Shifting the primary burden for funding the schools from the local property tax base to state-level revenue sources**
- 3. Rebalancing state and local revenue sources**

Tax reform/revenue rebalancing must:

- ✓ Provide a balanced range of revenue streams to fully fund PK-12 education
- ✓ Improve tax fairness and equity, both town-by-town and on an individual ability-to-pay basis
- ✓ Ensure predictability, dependability, and overall progressivity of revenue sources for education
- ✓ Stimulate economic development and strengthen the state's competitive position regionally, nationally, and globally
- ✓ Promote smart growth principles
- ✓ Adequately sustain other complementary state programs/policies whose successes also impact education quality — including investments in affordable housing, health care, social services, workforce development, urban redevelopment, and transportation
- ✓ Utilize dynamic incidence analysis and other tax research tools for weighing and monitoring tax burdens, policy impacts, and related legislation