

# 2026 RESC Alliance LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Formed in 1972 under CGS 10-66a, the Regional Educational Service Centers (RESCs) are nonprofit, public education agencies dedicated to providing cost-effective educational resources and services.

In the 1990s, Connecticut's six RESCs established the RESC Alliance, increasing access to shared resources and maximizing savings for all public schools across the state. Through the Alliance, districts benefit from statewide access to all RESC services.

## Legislative Priorities for Student Success:

### 1. Support Equitable Magnet School Funding:

Preserve \$12M in RESC Magnet grant for FY27 and implement long-term Student Centered Funding Model.

### 2. Increase Educator Diversity (IED):

Establish an annual \$1.5M line item within the State Department of Education budget specifically for the CT Teacher Residency Program managed by the RESC Alliance to support school districts in Increasing Educator Diversity (IED) and special education certifications.

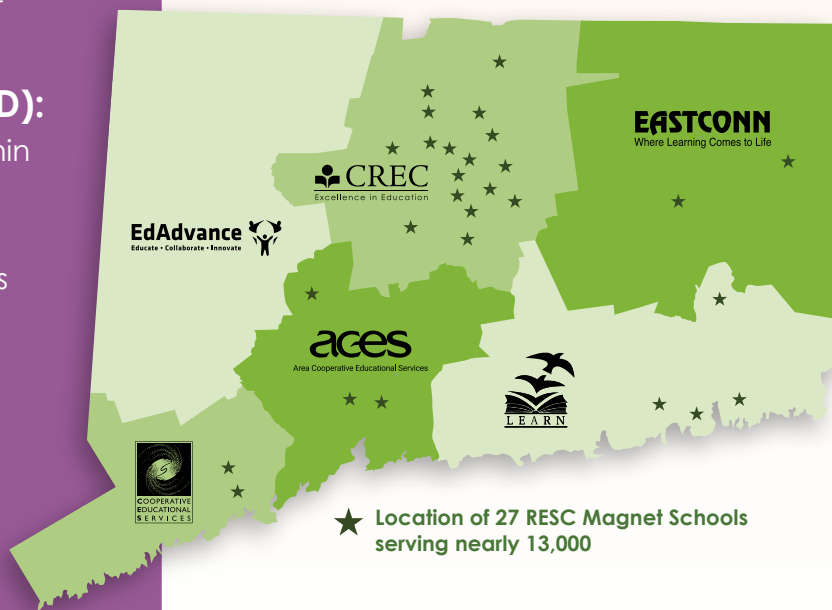
### 3. Enhance Special Education:

Amend PA 25-168 (sec 317) to include RESCs as a contractor for districts in the Special Education and Expansion Development (SEED) Grant.

## Connecticut RESCs: Dedicated to Supporting School Districts Across the State

Connecticut's Regional Educational Service Centers (RESCs) are committed to providing a range of critical benefits to school districts, including:

- **Cost Savings:** By offering cooperative purchasing, transportation services, and operational efficiencies, RESCs help school districts save millions of dollars each year.
- **Expanded Access to Resources:** Through the RESC Alliance, districts gain access to a wide range of education resources, services, and grants that would otherwise be unaffordable.
- **Advocacy and Support:** RESCs advocate for laws and policies that benefit public education, partnering with state agencies and education groups to advance the needs of Connecticut schools.



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## Support Equitable Magnet School Funding:

Preserve the \$12M RESC Magnet grant for FY27 with a focus on fully implementing the four year phase in of the Student Centered Funding Model, which supports the 166 statewide RESC member districts and the 27 RESC-managed magnet schools.

### Benefits to Districts:

- Ensures Fair & Complete Funding for All Public Schools
- Expands Resources Based on Growing Student Needs
- Reduces Racial and Economic Gaps in School Funding

## ENHANCE SPECIAL EDUCATION:

- Amend PA 25-168 (sec 317) to include RESCs as a contractor for districts in the Special Education and Expansion Development (SEED) Grant.
  - Allowing RESCs to contract through SEED enables districts to provide specialized, high-intensity services that districts may not be deliver on their own.

### Benefits to Districts:

- Leverages Specialized Expertise
- Regionalized Programs Promote Fiscal Stability and Efficiency
- Allows for Pooling of Resources for Smaller Districts

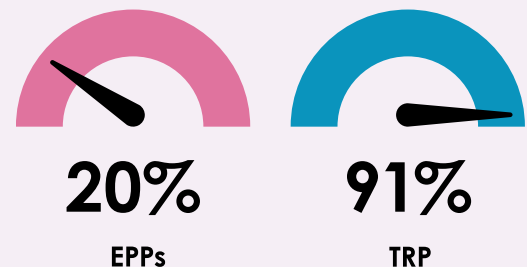
## INCREASING EDUCATOR DIVERSITY

Designate \$1.5M in the CSDE budget line item with specific language for the CT Teacher Residency Program "managed by the RESC Alliance" to support IED and special education certification.

### FACTS:

- The CT Teacher Residency Program (CT TRP):
  - Is the ONLY CT program requiring districts to provide a living wage and benefits to residents and also offers mentoring and support
  - Has placed nearly 178 teachers of color in over 40 districts since 2019
  - Has 94% of alumni still teaching
  - Offers a new SPED certification with 83% of residents identifying as BIPOC

### Candidates of Color who completed programs in 2023-2024:



According to EdSight, CT TRP consistently has 90%+ BIPOC candidates, while other Education Preparation Providers (EPPs) have less than 40%.

### Benefits to Districts:

- Diversifies the Educator Workforce
- Invests in Hands-on Training for Long-term Teacher Retention
- Reduces the Educator Workforce Shortage