



# 2022 POLICY PRIORITIES

## RESOURCE EQUITY

- Reformed **financing of teacher retirement benefits** to make the state's contribution more equitable between districts and per pupil.
- More **inclusive communities**, through incentives like school bonding awards and expanded Open Choice, so that students have increased access to educational opportunity.
- A **single funding formula** for all districts and all types of public schools.

## TEACHER QUALITY AND PREPARATION

- Implementation of **"Right to Read"**—establishing a statewide strategy for early literacy based in the Science of Reading.
- Innovative and simplified **teacher talent pipelines and certification processes**.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

- Use of **COVID Relief Funds** that is equitable, realistic, and targeted to meet the needs of students at the state- and local-levels.

## HIGHER ED QUALITY AND AFFORDABILITY

- Banning statewide the use of **legacy preferences** during the college admissions process.
- End to the practice of **withholding college transcripts** for students in debt.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE

- Full phase-in of the **student need-based weights** in schools of choice.
- A renewed RFP process and streamlined funding path to **open additional charter schools**.
- Funding to **open the Danbury Prospect School** (approved by the State Board of Education in 2018).

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