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**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Hartford**

**TO BE PROPOSED:  
June 3, 2015**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-264p of the Connecticut General Statutes, adopts the attached sliding tuition scale, developed by the Department of Education, that magnet schools operated by Regional Educational Service Centers may charge to the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in such preschool program for school year 2015-16, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of \_\_\_\_ this third day of June, Two Thousand Fifteen.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dianna R. Wentzell, Secretary

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TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell  
Commissioner

DATE: June 3, 2015

SUBJECT: Proposed Tuition Scale for Prekindergarten (PK) 3- and 4-Year Olds Enrolled in Magnet Schools Operated by Regional Educational Service Centers

**Overview**

Section 10-264p of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) requires the State Department of Education to develop, and the State Board of Education to adopt, a sliding scale tuition based on income that magnet schools operated by Regional Educational Service Centers (RESCs) may charge to families that have children enrolled in Grades PK3 and PK4 in their schools.

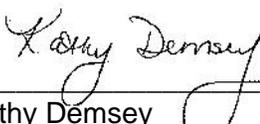
**Proposed Scale**

Below please find the Department's proposed two-tiered scale for the 2015-16 school year for Board members' review and adoption.

The proposed scale utilizes the State Median Income (SMI) levels published annually in the Federal Register to determine the threshold for charging tuition. These income guidelines are used by the Office of Early Childhood in determining the fee structures for School Readiness Grant funded programs and Child Daycare contractors. The maximum tuition of \$4,053 represents the average tuition charged to districts by RESCs operating elementary magnet schools with PK grades statewide during the 2014-15 school year. The schools and their respective tuitions are attached for your information.

Under the proposed scale, only families whose income exceeds 75 percent of the SMI (\$65,655) may be charged tuition. Families with incomes exceeding this threshold may be charged tuition up to a maximum of \$4,053 annually, but not more than the difference between the school's average per pupil cost and the state operating grant. The RESCs are responsible for assessing the charge to families and collecting the associated tuition. Magnet school programs with tuitions higher than the maximum amount of \$4,053 may seek reimbursement for the difference from the Department pursuant to C.G.S. Sections 10-264l(6)(k)(2)(B) and 10-264o(c)(3).

<b>% of SMI</b>	<b>Income Range</b>	<b>Weekly Fee</b>	<b>Yearly Cost</b>
0% <= 75% SMI	\$0 - \$65,655	\$0	\$0
>75% SMI	>\$65,655	\$101.30	\$4,053

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**Interdistrict Magnet School Tuition****Per-Pupil  
2014-15****Magnet Operator/School****CREC**

Glastonbury East Hartford Elementary Magnet School	\$3,380
Montessori Magnet School (MMS)	\$3,330
University of Hartford Magnet School (UHMS)	\$3,780
Medical Professions & Teacher Prep. (PK only) (MPTPA)	\$4,205
Reggio Magnet School of the Arts (RMS)	\$4,205
International Magnet School for Global Citizenship (IMS)	\$4,205
Museum Academy (MA)	\$4,205
Discovery Academy (DA)	\$4,205
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Elementary School	\$4,205
Academy of Aerospace and Engineering Elementary	\$4,205

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Regional Multicultural Magnet School	\$2,758
Goodwin Early Childhood Magnet School	\$4,950
The Friendship School	\$3,104

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**Average Tuition Charged By RESC Operated Elementary Magnet Schools \$4,053**