

# 2025 CREC LEGISLATIVE Priorities



## EXPAND EQUITABLE MAGNET SCHOOL FUNDING REQUEST:

Fully fund the student-centered-funding model, partially implemented in FY25 at \$40.2M for RESC Magnet Schools, benefiting all CT districts and schools including the 16 Sheff magnet schools and two programs, managed by CREC, serving 9,000+ urban and suburban students.

- If full funding is not feasible, incremental increases are critical to enable CREC, a non-taxing entity as a RESC, to address rising costs.
- The alternative to an incremental increase, is to remove or modify the 58% tuition cap, which will strain local district budgets and compromise educational equity.



## BONDING REQUEST:

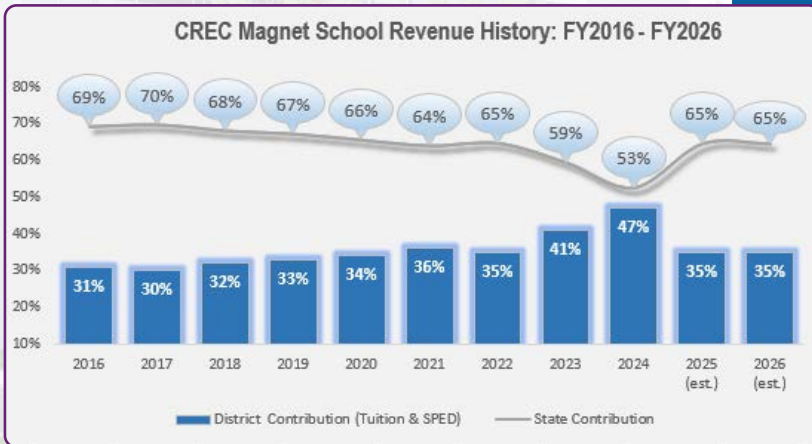
Request \$19 million in bonding for capital improvements for magnet schools managed by CREC in the Sheff Region.

To support the state's obligations for Sheff v. O'Neill, the state asked CREC to create a school system with 16 magnet schools; however, as a RESC, CREC does not have bonding authority for capital improvements as available to a traditional school district

PA 22-118 formalized a mechanism for state bonding to cover the capital improvement necessities for the 16 Sheff magnet schools operated by CREC requiring CREC to adopt a long-range capital improvement plan and school building project priorities list submitted to DAS and CGA.

- In June 2023, the Bond Commission approved \$10M for capital improvement projects, which are substantially completed at four schools for projects such as roofing, sidewalks, and parking lots.

Currently, five (5) of the 16 CREC magnet schools are nearly 25 years old.



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\* Estimates are based on maintaining current funding