

## Policy Implications

The Connecticut Technical High School System receives capital funding for renovations to our school facilities and campuses through the Department of Education's School Construction grant.

In addition to and while awaiting completion of these construction projects, the system must continue to maintain and repair facilities to meet state code requirements for health and safety and address school accreditation recommendations cited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

In addition, funding is required in order to procure new or replacement trade, academic and technology equipment, school transportation vehicles, and plant vehicles. Funding for these priorities is derived from the State of Connecticut's Capital Budget.

The CTHSS' request for new capital funding is included with the State Department of Education's biennial Capital Budget Request which is submitted to the State Board of Education for approval and then forwarded to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM).

The Governor then formulates a Recommended Biennial Capital Budget for consideration of the State Legislature. Once the state's Capital Budget Plan is legislatively approved, agencies then submit monthly requests to OPM for consideration of the State Bond Commission. The State Bond Commission is scheduled to meet monthly to consider agency requests for capital funding.

Given the financial crisis being experienced in the State of Connecticut, the ability to secure capital funding has become even more challenging. This leads to considerable delays in planned capital projects and results in the trades not having access to the latest technology used in today's workplace.

The chart that follows provides a summary of capital funding requested by the CTHSS and the level of capital funding recommended by the sitting Governor, and the amounts ultimately approved by the Legislature and the State Bond Commission since fiscal year 2005-06.

### CTHSS Capital Funding Request Summary

Fiscal Year	CTHSS Capital Budget Request	Governor's Recommended Capital Budget for CTHSS	Legislative Authorization	Bond Commission Approval as of March 22, 2011	Unallocated Bond Balance as of March 22, 2011
2012-13	\$28,000,000	\$5,000,000	TBD	TBD	TBD
2011-12	\$28,000,000	\$5,000,000	TBD	TBD	TBD
2010-11	\$12,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2009-10	\$12,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2008-09	\$10,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$4,143,470	\$3,856,530
2007-08	\$10,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$0
2006-07	\$18,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$0
2005-06	\$18,000,000	\$7,993,243	\$7,993,243	\$7,993,243	\$0

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