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## **CCM applauds Governor for providing increased education aid and mandates relief in his proposed state budget**

“The state budget and other initiatives proposed today (Wednesday, February 8) by Governor Malloy are good news for Connecticut towns and cities,” said Jim Finley, Executive Director and CEO of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM).

CCM commends the Governor for proposing to:

- Reform Pre K -12 public education, including increasing the Education Cost Sharing Grant for towns and cities by \$50 million. (The ECS grant is now underfunded by almost \$800 million. The State needs to substantially increase funding for Pre K-12 public education in order to provide relief to overburdened residential and business property taxpayers.)
- Provide relief from several state mandates on town governments that will provide fiscal relief for property taxpayers.
- Provide for an additional \$6 million in revenue sharing under the State’s new Property Tax Relief Grant, which will increase the funding under that program to \$50 million annually.

“CCM looks forward to working with the General Assembly to enact and build upon the initiatives proposed today by the Governor,” Finley emphasized.