



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Bloomfield Board of Education 1133 Blue Hills Avenue Board Room, 1133 Blue Hills Avenue ,  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order  
K. Dunbar
2. Consent Agenda
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L. Lamenzo and D. Greco
  - B. Staffing Update  
G. Martinez
4. Adjournment  
K. Dunbar



Board of Education – Finance Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6:00 PM  
Bloomfield Board of Education, Board Room  
1133 Blue Hills Avenue  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

**ATTENDANCE:** K. Dunbar, Chair Present  
T. Mack-Mohammed Present  
L. Simone Present

**ALSO PRESENT:** L. Easmon F. Bogle-Assegai T. Moore  
T. Youngberg D. Greco L. Lamenzo  
G. Martinez J. Titelbaum

**1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order**

K. Dunbar called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

**2. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes –Finance Committee Meeting – March 25, 2025**

A motion was made by T. Mack-Mohammed and seconded by L. Simone for the Finance Committee to approve the minutes from March 25, 2025, as presented.

K. Dunbar Aye  
T. Mack-Mohammed Aye  
L. Simone Aye

The motion was passed unanimously 3-0-0.

**3. New Business**

**A. Global Experience Magnet School Update**

Dr. Tracy Youngberg, Superintendent, presented a PowerPoint on the long range feasibility analysis of Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS). She shared a timeline of important dates starting with the first GEMS Committee meeting on March 26, 2025. At this meeting the operations of the building including staffing, facilities, academics and students needs were reviewed. The committee also considered the implications of GEMS becoming a grade 9-12 school only.

Dr. Youngberg presented a projected cost analysis by year to continue operating GEMS past the 2025-2026 school year. These cost projections took into consideration the Magnet School Operating Grant and the estimated cost from the general budget.

The estimated annual general funds contribution for 2026-2027 was \$1,503,540 which comprises approximately 2.8% of the district’s current operating budget.



T. Mack-Mohammed thanked Dr. Youngberg for putting the data together and inquired about a long-term plan for staff.

A Committee member inquired about what will happen to the building if the Board decides to close GEMS after 2025-2026. It was noted that the Town owns the building.

It was asked if a public forum could be added to the timeline.

T. Moore inquired how many Bloomfield residents attend GEMS. It was noted that approximately 15 students were from Bloomfield and 160 are out-of-district students.

#### **4. Adjournment**

At 6:20 p.m., a motion was made by T. Mack-Mohammed and seconded by K. Dunbar to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.

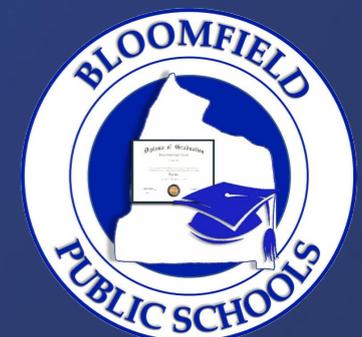
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K. Dunbar, Committee Chair

# Graduates In Bloom



**Alliance District Grant  
Board of Education  
Finance Committee  
September 30, 2025**



Lisa Lamenzo

*Executive Director of Teaching, Learning and Leadership*

Domenico Greco

*Executive Director of Finance and Operations*



# Alliance District Requirements:

- Yearly, Alliance District must submit a detailed plan to the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) describing how the district will use Alliance funds to improve student performance.
- Plan must be approved by the commissioner of the CSDE.
- Alliance District funding is released to a district.
- The CSDE reviews the district's progress toward its goals annually to determine whether the district is making sufficient progress for funding to be continued.

# Alliance District Plan Requirements

According to statute, a district's Alliance District Plan may include, but is not limited to, the following strategies:

- Tiered interventions for schools, based on the need of the specific school;
- K-3 foundational reading programs;
- Additional learning time, (extended day or extended year)
- A talent strategy to attract, retain, promote, and bolster staff performance in the form of performance evaluations or other indicators of success;
- Training for staff, administration, and teachers on different teacher evaluation models;
- Early childhood education provider coordination (such as HeadStart);
- Government and community programming for student support and wraparound services;
- Strategies to attract and recruit minority teachers and administrators;
- Enhancements of bilingual education programming;
- Entering into the model school district responsibilities agreement; and
- District-specific goals such as improving bilingual education programming.

# Alliance District -

## Additional Accountability and Support Measures:

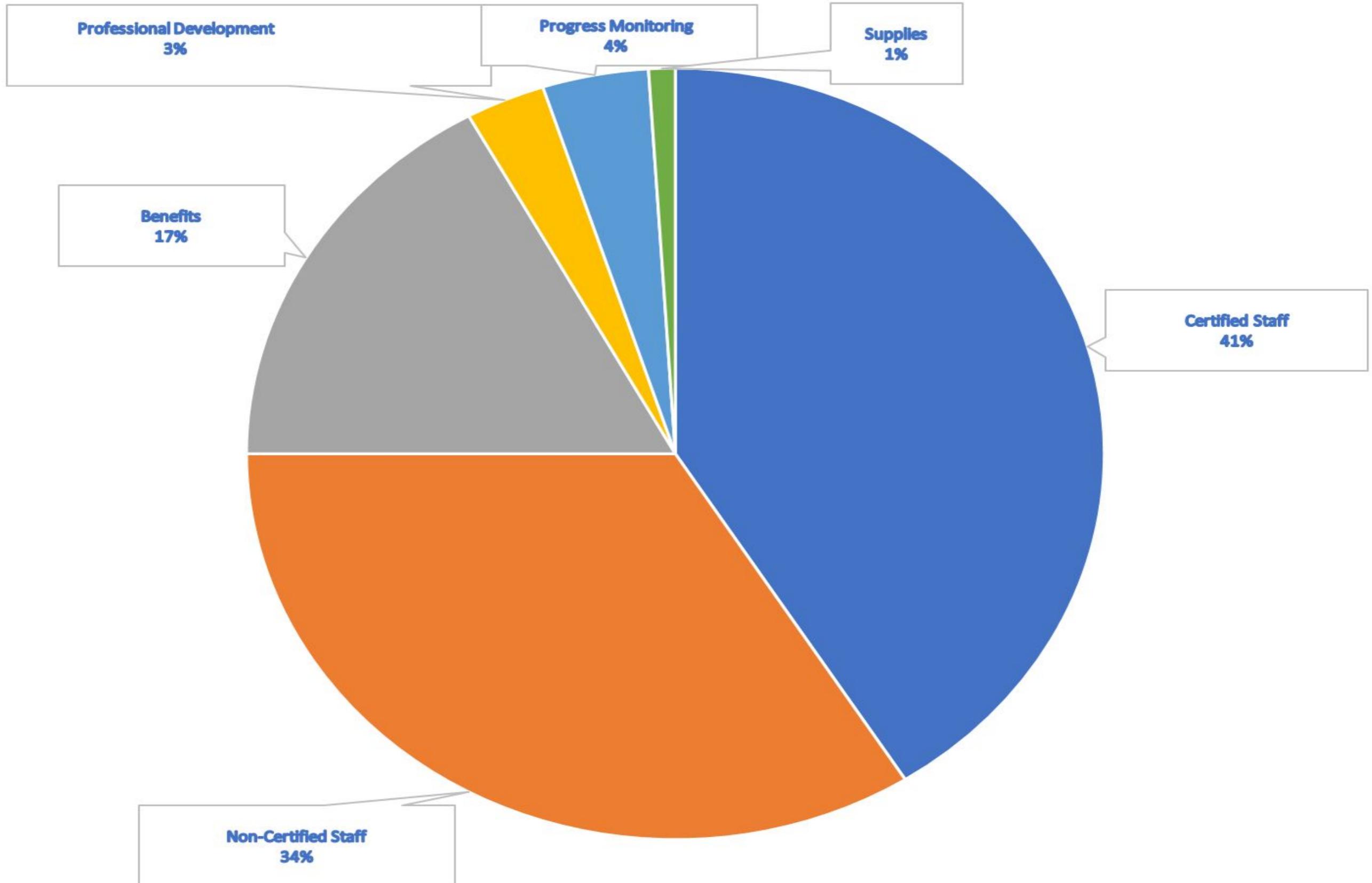
- Plan review and approval

- Monitoring Meetings three times a year
  - Progress Monitoring Tracking
  - Collaborative agenda
  - Fiscal Spend down and Revisions

- Alliance District Symposiums

- Priority to Support Opportunities

# 2025-2026 Alliance Grant Budget Allocations



# Examples from Each Funding Area

## Staffing:

- Teaching, Learning, and Leadership Office
- MTSS Staff: Coaches, Interventionists
- Gifted and Talented Teachers
- *Library Media Specialist*
- Tutors
- School to Career Office
- Technology Staff Member
- Hourly rate for staff outside of contractual time (i.e. curriculum writing, Committees)

## Benefits:

- Benefits for staff outlined above

# Examples from Each Funding Area

## Professional Development and Contracted Services:

- *Excel Academy: Course and credentialing for BHS*
- Job-embedded professional development, conferences, and trainings

## Progress Monitoring:

- Assessment Platforms (i.e. iReady and mClass Dibels)

## Supplies:

- Instructional supplies (i.e. science, literacy and math intervention)
- Supplies supporting professional learning (i.e. professional books) and student and family engagement events

# Next Steps

- October 9, 2025- BOE Agenda Item
- CSDE Alliance Grant Submission Review

Thank you

