Town Council Agenda

Special Meeting

Anthony C. Harrington, Mayor
Cindi A. Lloyd, Deputy Mayor
Darrell Goodwin
Elizabeth A. Waterhouse
Joseph P. Merritt
Michael J. Oliver
Shamar A. Mahon
Suzette DeBeatham-Brown
Todd E. Cooper

Tuesday, June 30, 2026 • 6:30 pm

Town Hall – Council Chambers • 800 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, CT 06002

PLEASE NOTE: This meeting of the Town of Bloomfield will be a hybrid meeting. This means that you can attend in person, by using the Zoom link below or viewing the meeting via YouTube

ZOOM:

https://bloomfieldct.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kN4mXiVlQJmbdzSAnrt_xg

YouTube:

https://youtube.com/live/K2qTbLOgb3s?feature=share

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Council Business

Old Business

2026-66: Consider and Take Action Regarding Hiring Authorization Request for FY2027
2026-68: Consider and Possible Action Regarding Bloomfield Arts District Branding and Gateway Signage Funding Request
2026-71: Consider and Take Action Regarding FY2026 Fourth Quarter Budget Transfers

New Business

2026-72: Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding the Bloomfield Board of Education FY2026 Fourth Quarter Funding Request
2026-73: Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Regarding BATV FY2026 Fourth Quarter Funding Request
2026-74: Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce FY2026 Fourth Quarter Funding Request
2026-75: Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Farmers Market FY2026 Fourth Quarter Funding Request

IV. Adjournment

6/30/2026

TO: Town Councilors

FROM: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager ADS/ADS

DATE: June 17, 2026

RE: FY 2026-66: HIRING AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FOR FY 2027

As the Town Council is aware, a hiring freeze is in effect at the start of FY 2027 to help manage expenditures and maintain fiscal responsibility.

While I remain committed to limiting personnel additions wherever possible, several positions are essential to maintaining critical municipal operations, meeting service demands, and ensuring the continued delivery of high-quality services to our residents. Accordingly, I am requesting Town Council authorization to fill the following positions during the first quarter of FY 2027:

- Director of Public Works
- Director of Human Resources
- Assistant Director of Social & Youth Services
- Assistant Town Accountant (title changed from Senior Town Accountant)
- Maintainer II
- Custodian
- Assistant Town Engineer

These positions are considered essential due to public safety, regulatory compliance, workload demands, succession planning, revenue generation, or continuity of operations.

Failure to fill these positions promptly may result in service disruptions, increased overtime costs, delayed project completion, reduced operational efficiency, and an increased burden on existing staff.

I respectfully request Town Council authorization to proceed with recruitment and hiring for the positions identified above during the first quarter of FY 2027 despite the current hiring freeze.

Should the Council wish to move forward, the following motion would be in order:

> ***Move to* authorize the Town Manager to recruit and fill the identified FY 2027 positions notwithstanding the current hiring freeze.**

TO: Town Councilors

FROM: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager JK/ADS

DATE: June 17, 2026

RE: FY 2026-68: BLOOMFIELD ARTS DISTRICT BRANDING AND GATEWAY SIGNAGE FUNDING REQUEST

As part of the Town's ongoing efforts to promote economic development, placemaking, and cultural tourism, I am requesting Town Council approval to allocate funding to develop branding and gateway signage for the Bloomfield Arts District.

The proposed project would establish a distinct identity for the Arts District and enhance its visibility through the creation of professionally designed branding elements and entrance signage at the key gateways located at Granby Street and Cottage Grove Road. These improvements will help create a recognizable destination that celebrates Bloomfield's vibrant arts and cultural community while enhancing the visual appeal of the district.

The development of a cohesive brand and gateway signage will serve several important purposes, including strengthening community identity, attracting visitors, supporting local businesses, encouraging economic activity, and promoting the Arts District as a destination for residents and visitors alike. The project will also complement existing and future investments in the area and reinforce the Town's commitment to fostering arts, culture, and economic growth.

Funding will be utilized for professional design services, branding development, fabrication, and installation of gateway signage and related materials. The final design will ensure that the branding reflects the unique character and vision of the Bloomfield Arts District.

Accordingly, I am requesting Town Council approval to appropriate up to $5,000.00 from the Town Council Contingency account (GL 09506400-52231) to support this initiative for the Bloomfield Arts District.

Should the Council wish to proceed, the following motion would be in order:

> ***Move to appropriate up to $5,000.00 from the Town Council Contingency account (GL 09506400-52231) for the design services for the Bloomfield Arts District at the Granby Street and Cottage Grove Road entrances.***

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Town of Bloomfield

Bloomfield Arts District

March 9, 2026

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Date : 3-9-2026 **Quote** : 63971

To : Bonnie Bercowetz c/o Town of Bloomfield
Bloomfield Arts District

Re : Develop general branding and main signage for Bloomfield Arts District

From : Lawrin Rosen

Description:

Initial Logo / Sign Design:

- Four to five rough sketches for logo design
- Review with client for feedback and produce two to three composites
- Review with client for feedback and produce one final color composite
- Three rough sketches for main gateway sign for Tobey Road entrance and three rough sketches for two directional signs – 1. corner of Cottage Grove and 2. Granby Street and approach from Hartford on Granby Street
- Review with client for feedback and produce two to three composites
- Review with client for feedback and produce one final color composite
- Show signs in place with three photoshop renderings

Estimated time to complete.....	**Staff 24 hours x $125**	**$3000**
Rosen – 4 hours.....		**N/C**

Mechanical Drawings / Bid Documents:

- Detailed shop drawings showing fabrication and sizing of two sign types
- Review with client for feedback
- Overhead plan view
- Fabrication and installation details
- Professional engineering stamps

Estimated time to complete.....	**Staff 10 hours x $125**	**$1250**
Rosen – 1.5 hours.....		**N/C**
Professional engineering and licensed stamps on both drawings.....		**$ 500**

Total this job..... **$4750**



Delivery / Installation Schedule: Refer to previous page for the timing specific to this contract. Any cancellations or postponements on behalf of ARTfx will be relayed to client at least two days in advance. Likewise, any cancellations or postponements on behalf of the client must be communicated to ARTfx at least two days in advance. Failure to do so can result in an extra charge.

On Site Encumbrances: If ARTfx crews are unable to perform on site work due to insurmountable obstacles such as utility line obstructions, construction site issues, unsafe access, etc., we will notify the client, and the work will stop. ARTfx conducts site surveys to prevent these conditions but cannot assume liability for the unforeseen. A minimum delay charge of $250 will be added to the final bill.

Permit Procurement: Permit fees are billed at cost. Permit procurement time is billed at $120 per hour. Licensed engineering, if required, is billed cost plus a $120 service fee.

Pricing: Refer to previous page for pricing specific to this contract. Prices are good for 60 days from the date of contract authorization and receipt of down payment (if required). All quotes are subject to a site survey.

Terms: Refer to previous page for terms specific to this contract. Your failure to follow ARTfx terms often leads to delays.

Non-Payment: Failure to pay final installment on time will result in a 1.5% per month interest charge. *ARTfx owns the work until fully reimbursed and can repossess it from client's property without notice.

Electrical Warranty: ARTfx' electrical signs and lighting fixtures are UL labeled (unless otherwise disclaimed in main contractual agreement). They are warranted for two years on parts and one year on labor unless otherwise noted.

Structural / Finish Warranty: ARTfx fabricates signs, awnings, and architectural products to meet or exceed top industry standards. Depending on the purpose and use of products purchased, implied warranties may range from a few years to an indefinite span. Please consult your ARTfx representative for any custom warranties specifically applicable to the product you are purchasing.

Warranty Exceptions: 1. Vandalism, neglect (lack of cleaning or maintenance) 2. Accidents - vehicular, construction related or chemically originated from acids or alkali such as extermination or lawn sprays, chlorination from sprinklers, or from solvents such as gasoline, lacquer thinner, acetone, etc. 3. "Acts of God" such as avalanches, earthquakes, falling trees / limbs, floods, hailstorms, hurricanes, lightning, meteorites, mudslides, sandstorms, sinkholes, tornados, volcanos, etc.

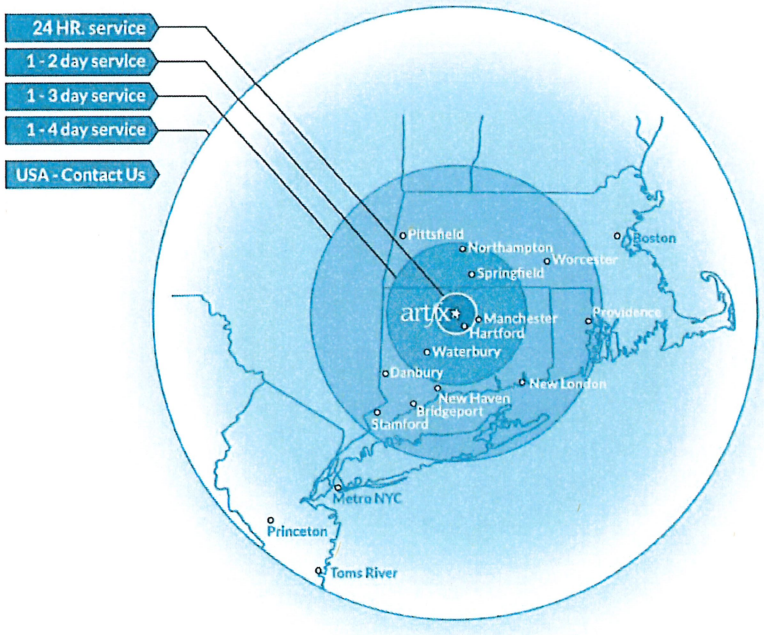
Electrical Connection: Primary electrical connection(s) is the responsibility of the client's electrician. ARTfx' crews will only provide final primary electrical hook up if the primary feed is within 5'-0" of the sign or fixture installed.

Drawing Ownership: The copyrighted plans you receive are owned by ARTfx unless purchased. Please refer to the confidentiality notice at the bottom and back page of the drawings you receive. ARTfx will (and has successfully) pursued their unauthorized use or distribution to the furthest extent of the law.

Design Additions: Once conceptual or working drawings receive approval, changes requested by the client are billable at $125 per hour.

Suggested Drawing Previewing: Please view our drawings on computer screen or print only. Phones or handheld devices may distort images.

Cancelled Jobs: Work cancelations will incur charges commensurate with the time spent, and materials used, on the project up until the point of cancellation. Once ARTfx receives an agreed upon pro-rated payment, the client is entitled to possession of the manufactured materials or intellectual property put forth. Arrangements will be made for the swift transfer of goods.



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TO: Town Councilors

FROM: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager DH/ADS

DATE: June 17, 2026

RE: FY 2026-71: FY2026 FOURTH QUARTER BUDGET TRANSFERS

Please review the attached memorandum from the Director of Finance, Darrell Hill, dated June 17, 2026, regarding FY 2026 Fourth Quarter Budget Transfers.

The memorandum provides the Town Council with detailed information concerning the request to authorize the transfer of $813,122 in appropriations from within the FY 2026 General Fund Budget from departments identified in the attached resolution.

Should Council wish to move forward, the following motion will be in order:

Move to adopt the attached resolution authorizing the FY 2026 Fourth Quarter Budget Transfers.

TOWN OF
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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., *Town Manager*

From: Darrell V. Hill, *Director of Finance*

Copy: Sharron L. Tia-Williams, *Deputy Town Manager*
Donna J. Stewart, *Deputy Director of Finance*

Re: **FY2026 4th Quarter Transfers – Updated as of June 26, 2026**

Date: June 29, 2026

Under the provision of Section 908 of the Town Charter, at the request of the Town Manager, but only during the fourth quarter, the Council may by resolution transfer any unencumbered appropriation balance from one department to another.

The transfers will implement requests made by the Town Manager, Department Heads, and the Town Council.

A resolution to authorize the Town Council to transfer $813,122 in appropriations from within the FY2026 General Fund Budget from the departments below is attached.

The following amounts in the departments shown below are free from encumbrances in the FY2026 General Fund:

From Department		Amount
0146	Information Technology	($80,000)
0311	Police	(170,000)
0401	Public Works + Engineering	(110,000)
0910	Fixed Charges	(453,122)
	TOTAL	($813,122)

The above unencumbered amounts are to be transferred to the following departments in the FY2026 General Fund budget:

To Department		Amount	Reason
0121	Operations & Communications	$28,000	Public relations consultant.
0141	Finance Administration	235,000	Temporary accounting staff and consultant expenses.
0160	Town Attorney	416,000	Legal defense for FY2026 Budget referendum, FOI, Tax Appeals, Investigations, Abatement.
0220	ZBA	700	Increase in advertising expenses.
0240	Registrars of Voters	129,000	Unfunded early voting requirements and budget referendum.
0275	Commission on Aging	700	Increased meeting expenses.
0711	Health	3,722	Town budget approved before Health District budget.
	TOTAL	$813,122	

A draft Council resolution authorizing approval of these transfers is attached.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Section 908 of the Town of Bloomfield Charter, that the below transfers of appropriations be approved:

The following amounts in the departments shown below are free from encumbrances in the FY2026 General Fund:

From Department		Amount
0146	Information Technology	($80,000)
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	TOTAL	($813,122)

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0160	Town Attorney	416,000
0220	ZBA	700
0240	Registrars of Voters	129,000
0275	Commission on Aging	700
0711	Health	3,722
	TOTAL	$813,122

And it be further Resolved, the Town Manager is authorized to transfer any unencumbered departmental balances during closeout between departments in order to balance any unanticipated overages.

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

Status of Revenues and Expenditures - UNAUDITED

FY2026 as of 6/26/2026 - Adjusted for BOE Special Revenue Grant Shortfall

REVENUES	Unaudited FY 2025	Year-to-Date as of 5/31/2025	ADOPTED FY 2026	REVISED FY 2026	Year-to-Date as of 6/26/2026	Projected to 6/30/26 as of 6/26/2026	Variance (under)
Taxes and Assessments	$96,987,040	$96,927,993	$98,654,359	$98,654,359	$97,805,276	$97,805,276	($849,083)
State Education Grants	5,343,223	2,733,971	5,464,768	5,464,768	5,407,335	5,456,440	(8,328)
St. Grants-Property Tax Relief	2,644,751	2,080,960	1,728,491	1,728,491	3,241,704	3,241,819	1,513,328
Other State & Federal Grants	485,045	484,436	494,353	494,353	589,256	589,256	94,903
Use of Assets	2,421,961	2,679,598	708,000	708,000	1,099,173	1,099,173	391,173
Miscellaneous Revenue	238,914	168,167	150,000	150,000	178,717	178,717	28,717
Licenses and Permits	1,360,446	1,268,111	1,341,700	1,341,700	1,623,575	1,623,575	281,875
Fees and Service Charges	1,662,559	1,470,599	1,327,600	1,327,600	1,964,262	1,964,262	636,662
Appropriated Fund Balance	2,750,000	2,750,000	3,750,000	3,750,000	3,750,000	3,750,000	0
TOTAL REVENUES	**$113,893,939**	**$110,563,835**	**$113,619,271**	**$113,619,271**	**$115,659,299**	**$115,708,519**	**$2,089,248**

FUNCTION & ACTIVITY	Unaudited FY 2025	Year-to-Date as of 5/31/2025	ADOPTED FY 2026	REVISED FY 2026	Year-to-Date as of 6/26/2026	Projected to 6/30/26 as of 6/26/2026	Variance (under)
EXPENDITURES					*(includes encumbrances)*		
Town Administration	$6,353,903	$5,522,095	$6,795,886	$6,795,886	$7,001,851	$7,046,040	$250,154
Boards & Agencies	443,803	393,542	305,294	305,294	420,585	424,872	119,578
Building and Land Use	1,439,125	1,241,871	1,732,453	1,732,453	1,616,959	1,681,638	(50,816)
Public Safety	12,287,314	11,003,304	12,190,084	12,190,084	10,467,449	11,995,696	(194,388)
Public Works	6,818,698	6,462,969	7,459,903	7,459,903	6,927,465	7,343,113	(116,790)
Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services	1,283,217	1,117,488	1,399,763	1,399,763	1,229,729	1,340,405	(59,358)
Public Library	2,479,995	2,236,946	2,708,396	2,708,396	2,531,509	2,683,400	(24,997)
Human Services	2,641,117	2,454,087	2,944,953	2,944,953	2,674,222	2,913,615	(31,338)
Fixed Charges	14,505,879	13,238,420	15,327,411	15,327,411	9,717,503	14,673,429	(653,982)
Miscellaneous Charges	622,791	133,003	291,600	291,600	115,311	143,520	(148,080)
Debt Service	7,354,730	2,900,673	8,257,362	8,257,362	8,257,362	8,257,362	0
Board of Education	53,424,365	35,674,018	54,321,894	54,321,894	54,992,771	54,992,771	670,877
Operating Transfers Out	350,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL TOWN BUDGET	**$110,004,937**	**$82,378,416**	**$113,735,000**	**$113,735,000**	**$105,952,714**	**$113,495,860**	($239,140)
Variance	$3,889,003	$28,185,418	($115,729)	($115,729)	$9,706,584	$2,212,659	$2,328,388

Estimated, Unassigned Fund Balance at June 30, 2026 (UNAUDITED)

Unassigned Fund Balance June 30, 2025 **(UNAUDITED)**	$24,698,388
Add: Additional Revenue FY2026 **(Unaudited)**	2,089,248
Add: Additional Expenditure Savings FY2026 **(Unaudited)**	(239,140)
Less: Budgeted Use & Transfer of Unassigned Fund Balance FY2026	(7,750,000)
Estimated Unassigned Fund Balance June 30, 2026	**$18,798,495**

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

Status of Expenditures, by Activity (Department) - UNAUDITED

FY2026 as of 6/26/2026 - Adjusted for BOE Special Revenue Grant Shortfall

	FUNCTION & ACTIVITY	Unaudited Expenditures FY 2025	YTD Expenditures as of 5/31/2025 FY 2025	Adopted Budget FY 2026	Revised Budget FY 2026	Year-to-Date Actuals as of 6/26/2026	Encumbrances as of 6/26/2026	% Used	Estimated Expenditures as of 6/30/2026	Estimated Variance (under)
0100	Town Administration	$6,353,903	$5,522,095	$6,795,886	$6,795,886	$6,450,176	$551,675	103.0%	$7,046,040	$250,154
0200	Boards & Agencies	443,803	393,542	305,294	305,294	372,881	47,704	137.8%	424,872	119,578
0301	Planning and Development	1,439,125	1,241,871	1,732,453	1,732,453	1,550,384	66,575	93.3%	1,681,638	(50,816)
0311	Public Safety	12,287,314	11,003,304	12,190,084	12,190,084	10,128,719	338,730	85.9%	11,995,696	(194,388)
0401	Public Works	6,818,698	6,462,969	7,459,903	7,459,903	6,622,745	304,720	92.9%	7,343,113	(116,790)
0510	Leisure Services	1,283,217	1,117,488	1,399,763	1,399,763	1,183,007	46,722	87.9%	1,340,405	(59,358)
0610	Public Library	2,479,995	2,236,946	2,708,396	2,708,396	2,468,328	63,181	93.5%	2,683,400	(24,997)
0700	Human Services	2,641,117	2,454,087	2,944,953	2,944,953	2,574,690	99,532	90.8%	2,913,615	(31,338)
0910	Fixed Charges	14,505,879	13,238,420	15,327,411	15,327,411	8,991,582	725,921	63.4%	14,673,429	(653,982)
0950	Miscellaneous Charges	622,791	133,003	291,600	291,600	105,016	10,295	39.5%	143,520	(148,080)
0970	Debt Service	7,354,730	2,900,673	8,257,362	8,257,362	8,257,362	-	100.0%	8,257,362	0
1200	Board of Education	53,424,365	35,674,018	54,321,894	54,321,894	42,766,967	12,225,804	101.2%	54,992,771	670,877
7180	Operating Transfers Out	350,000	0	0	0	0	-	--	-	0
	Total Town Budget	**$110,004,937**	**$82,378,416**	**$113,735,001**	**$113,735,001**	**$91,471,855**	**$14,480,860**	**93.2%**	**$113,495,860**	**($239,140)**
0100	**Town Administration**									
0110	General Government Admin	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	-	0
0111	Town Council	19,650	19,143	21,040	21,040	13,985	0	66.5%	21,040	0
0120	Town Manager	731,124	667,427	909,544	909,544	852,040	26,903	96.6%	909,544	0
0121	Operations & Communications	542,176	494,065	632,098	632,098	628,492	24,936	103.4%	659,962	27,864
0146	Information Technology	1,260,868	973,772	1,400,198	1,400,198	1,115,525	155,347	90.8%	1,270,872	(129,325)
0130	Town Clerk	524,682	476,558	608,896	608,896	532,665	21,827	91.1%	554,491	(54,405)
0141	Finance Administration	450,440	420,622	512,390	512,390	698,379	48,728	145.8%	747,107	234,717
0142	Finance Assessor	540,214	491,466	642,156	642,156	537,832	101,267	99.5%	639,099	(3,057)
0143	Finance Tax Collector	398,894	371,702	427,808	427,808	373,783	24,200	93.0%	397,982	(29,825)
0144	Finance Central Office	102,215	79,543	70,901	70,901	58,765	860	84.1%	59,625	(11,275)
0147	Finance Accounting	433,251	390,511	535,967	535,967	418,768	13,776	80.7%	432,544	(103,423)
0145	Human Resources	964,981	893,439	766,352	766,352	627,995	41,905	87.4%	669,900	(96,452)
0160	Town Attorney	385,408	243,849	268,538	268,538	591,946	91,928	254.7%	683,874	415,336
0170	Town Treasurer	0	0	0	0	0	0		-	0
	Total	6,353,903	5,522,095	6,795,886	6,795,886	6,450,176	551,675	103.0%	7,046,040	250,154
0200	**Boards & Agencies**									
0210	TPZ	11,033	10,036	6,550	6,550	2,174	0	33.2%	2,174	(4,376)
0220	ZBA	531	531	1,100	1,100	1,722	0	156.6%	1,722	622
0230	Board of Tax Review	495	495	638	638	283	0	44.3%	283	(355)
0240	Registrars of Voters	378,744	342,634	236,956	236,956	336,512	28,700	154.1%	365,212	128,256
0241	Elections	30,770	27,193	33,400	33,400	18,134	13,203	93.8%	31,338	(2,062)
0250	Inland Wetlands	1,867	1,676	1,600	1,600	1,276	0	79.8%	1,276	(324)

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

Status of Expenditures, by Activity (Department) - UNAUDITED

FY2026 as of 6/26/2026 - Adjusted for BOE Special Revenue Grant Shortfall

	FUNCTION & ACTIVITY	Unaudited Expenditures **FY 2025**	YTD Expenditures **as of 5/31/2025 FY 2025**	Adopted Budget **FY 2026**	Revised Budget **FY 2026**	Year-to-Date Actuals **as of 6/26/2026**	Encumbrances as of **6/26/2026**	% Used	Estimated Expenditures **as of 6/30/2026**	Estimated Variance (under)
0260	Economic Development	0	0	200	200	0	0	0.0%	-	(200)
0275	Commission on Aging	1,854	1,206	4,000	4,000	1,713	2,890	115.1%	4,603	603
0281	Youth Adult Council	3,000	2,659	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	100.0%	3,000	0
0290	Advisory Comm. Handicapped	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	-	0
0294	Cons. Energy & Enviroment	3,024	2,228	3,000	3,000	2,888	0	96.3%	2,888	(112)
0295	Beautification Committee	7,181	4,494	7,600	7,600	3,107	0	40.9%	7,395	(205)
0296	Fair Rent Commission	(2,250)	(2,250)	1,000	1,000	0	0	0.0%	-	(1,000)
0297	Ethic Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	-	0
0298	Humanities Commission	4,025	2,353	3,250	3,250	1,981	0	60.9%	1,981	(1,269)
0299	Arts Commission	3,529	288	3,000	3,000	90	2,910	100.0%	3,000	0
	Total	443,803	393,542	305,294	305,294	372,881	47,704	137.8%	424,872	119,578
	Planning and Development									
0301	Planning and Development ***excl Eng.***	1,439,125	1,241,871	1,732,453	1,732,453	1,550,384	66,575	93.3%	1,681,638	(50,816)
	Total	1,439,125	1,241,871	1,732,453	1,732,453	1,550,384	66,575	93.3%	1,681,638	(50,816)
	Public Safety									
0311	Police	12,287,314	11,003,304	12,190,084	12,190,084	10,128,719	338,730	85.9%	11,995,696	(194,388)
	Total	12,287,314	11,003,304	12,190,084	12,190,084	10,128,719	338,730	85.9%	11,995,696	(194,388)
	Public Works									
0401	Public Works + **Engineering**	6,818,698	6,462,969	7,459,903	7,459,903	6,622,745	304,720	92.9%	7,343,113	(116,790)
	Total	6,818,698	6,462,969	7,459,903	7,459,903	6,622,745	304,720	92.9%	7,343,113	(116,790)
	Leisure Services									
0510	Leisure Services	1,283,217	1,117,488	1,399,763	1,399,763	1,183,007	46,722	87.9%	1,340,405	(59,358)
	Total	1,283,217	1,117,488	1,399,763	1,399,763	1,183,007	46,722	87.9%	1,340,405	(59,358)
	Public Library									
0610	Library Operations	2,479,995	2,236,946	2,708,396	2,708,396	2,468,328	63,181	93.5%	2,683,400	(24,997)
	Total	2,479,995	2,236,946	2,708,396	2,708,396	2,468,328	63,181	93.5%	2,683,400	(24,997)
	Human Services									
0711	Health	308,038	308,038	309,228	309,228	312,950	0	101.2%	312,950	3,722
0721	Social Services	1,076,142	958,167	1,268,377	1,268,377	1,046,045	39,696	85.6%	1,248,603	(19,774)
0751	Senior Services	1,256,937	1,187,882	1,367,348	1,367,348	1,215,694	59,835	93.3%	1,352,062	(15,287)
	Total	2,641,117	2,454,087	2,944,953	2,944,953	2,574,690	99,532	90.8%	2,913,615	(31,338)
	Fixed Charges									
0910	Fixed Charges	14,505,879	13,238,420	15,327,411	15,327,411	8,991,582	725,921	63.4%	14,673,429	(653,982)
	Total	14,505,879	13,238,420	15,327,411	15,327,411	8,991,582	725,921	63.4%	14,673,429	(653,982)

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

Status of Expenditures, by Activity (Department) - UNAUDITED

FY2026 as of 6/26/2026 - Adjusted for BOE Special Revenue Grant Shortfall

	FUNCTION & ACTIVITY	Unaudited Expenditures **FY 2025**	YTD Expenditures **as of 5/31/2025 FY 2025**	Adopted Budget **FY 2026**	Revised Budget **FY 2026**	Year-to-Date Actuals **as of 6/26/2026**	Encumbrances as of **6/26/2026**	% Used	Estimated Expenditures **as of 6/30/2026**	Estimated Variance (under)
	Miscellaneous Charges									
0950	Miscellaneous Charges	622,791	133,003	291,600	291,600	105,016	10,295	39.5%	143,520	(148,080)
	Total	622,791	133,003	291,600	291,600	105,016	10,295	39.5%	143,520	(148,080)
	Debt Service									
0970	Debt Service	7,354,730	2,900,673	8,257,362	8,257,362	8,257,362	0	100.0%	8,257,362	0
	Total	7,354,730	2,900,673	8,257,362	8,257,362	8,257,362	0	100.0%	8,257,362	0
	Board of Education									
1200	Board of Education	53,424,365	35,674,018	54,321,894	54,321,894	42,766,967	12,225,804	101.2%	54,992,771	670,877
	Total	53,424,365	35,674,018	54,321,894	54,321,894	42,766,967	12,225,804	101.2%	54,992,771	670,877
	Operating Transfers Out									
7180	CNRE	350,000	0	0	0	0	0	--	-	0
	Total	350,000	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	0
Total Town Government Operations		**$110,004,937**	**$82,378,416**	**$113,735,001**	**$113,735,001**	**$91,471,855**	**$14,480,860**	**93.2%**	**113,495,860**	**(239,140)**

DEPOSIT DATE	TC DATE INFO	BANK DEPOSITS AMOUNT	BANK DEPOSITS DESCRIPTION	G/L DEPOSIT ALLOCATION JE #	G/L DEPOSIT ALLOCATION AMOUNT	COMMENTS	checks	cash		
06/29/26		$ 988.80	PD - EXTRA DUTY		$988.80		988.80	0.00	0.00	$988.80
BAG# 08726157		$ 288.00	TOWN CLERK		$288.00		0.00	288.00	0.00	$288.00
		$ 239.50	TOWN CLERK		$239.50		0.00	239.50	0.00	$239.50
		$ 2,889.00	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		$2,889.00		2550.00	339.00	0.00	$2,889.00
		$ -	TOWN CLERK		$0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	$0.00
		$4,405.30					$3,538.80	$866.50	$4,405.30	$4,405.30

To: Town Councilors

From: Dr. Tracy Youngberg, Superintendent of Bloomfield Public Schools and Ms. Lynette Easmon, Bloomfield Public Schools Board of Education Chair

Date: June 24, 2026

RE: Special Revenue Fund Shortfall: Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS) Grant

This memo and supporting documents serve as formal documentation of the details surrounding the reduction in projected revenue the school district received through its final payment of the GEMS grant. This special revenue fund source, which is received by the Board of Education twice a year, by September 1st and May 1st, was reduced by $776,207 from the original state projection of $1,782,988. This reduction in revenue, as well as a significant number of unanticipated special education costs, has created a projected deficit for our year end close out of $670,877. In our discussions with the Town Manager and Director of Finance, we have been told that a 4th quarter budget transfer approved by the Town Council could remedy this situation. The Board of Education greatly appreciates the partnership we have established with the Town in support of our students, staff and families. We respectfully request the consideration of the Town Council and are prepared to answer any questions the Council may have.

As the Town is aware, the Board of Education voted to close GEMS on June 30, 2026, as a strategy to stabilize district expenditures and ensure general budget funds are being spent on Bloomfield residents. Given declining enrollment as a result of the impending school closure and the fact that the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) would rely on a new magnet grant formula for the 2025-2026 calculations, Mr. Domenico Greco, Executive Director of Finance and Operations, specifically reached out to the state to provide Bloomfield Public Schools with a total GEMS grant allocation on multiple occasions.

Attached please find a timeline of events related to the GEMS closure and our communication with the CSDE, as well as and corresponding email communication and supporting documentation:

- **February, 28, 2025:** Dr. Youngberg notified Ms. Shola Freeman and Ms. Robin Cecere from the CSDE Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) that GEMS would not take on new 6th grade students while the district explored the long-range feasibility of the magnet school.
- **March, 2025:** Ongoing communication with the RSCO to ensure GEMS students and families would be supported through any potential transitions.
- **April 22, 2025:** Dr. Youngberg shares the long-range feasibility information with the Board of Education during the Board Committee Meetings.
- **May 12, 2025:** Dr. Youngberg shared the long-range feasibility slides with Ms. Shola Freeman, Ms. Robin Cecere and Mr. Keith Norton. The slides indicated that GEMS was not fiscally sustainable for Bloomfield Public Schools.
- **June 3, 2025:** Dr. Youngberg presented the long-range feasibility slides to the Board of Education. She recommended the Board of Education vote to close the school at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- **June 10, 2025:** Dr. Youngberg and team held a Community Forum regarding GEMS feasibility.
- **June 12, 2025**: During a Special Meeting of the Board of Education, the Board voted to close GEMS after June 30, 2026.
- **June 13, 2025:** Dr. Youngberg notified the community and RSCO (Ms. Shola Freeman and Ms. Robin Cecere) that GEMS would close after June 30, 2026.
- **June 27, 2025:** GEMS enrollment data provided to the CSDE (126 students; 14 Bloomfield residents)
- **July 18, 2025**: GEMS enrollment data provided to the CSDE (108 students; 14 Bloomfield residents)
- **July 22-23, 2025**: Dr. Youngberg formally notified the community, the RSCO team and the Commissioner of Education of the Board's decision to close GEMS at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- **August 22, 2025:** GEMS enrollment data provided to the CSDE (101 students; 13 Bloomfield residents).
- **October 1, 2025**: GEMS enrollment data provided to the CSDE (93 students; 13 Bloomfield residents).

- **October 15, 2025:** Mr. Greco emailed Ms. Shola Freeman asking for clarification on how much the GEMS grant will be impacted by the reduction in enrollment; No payment calculations were provided.
- **November 18, 2025:** Dr. Youngberg reminds GEMS families of the impending closure and offers a detailed list of the supports that the RSCO will provide to students and families as they plan for their next steps after GEMS closes.
- **January 11, 2026:** The CSDE finalizes its October 1, 2025 Enrollment Data.
- **January 12, 2026:** Mr. Greco emailed Ms. Shola Freeman asking for clarification on how much the GEMS grant will be impacted by the reduction in enrollment; No payment calculations were provided.
- **March 9, 2026:** Mr. Greco emailed Ms. Shola asking for clarification on how much the GEMS grant will be impacted by the reduction in enrollment; No payment calculations were provided.
- **May, 1-7, 2026:** The final GEMS payment is received and Mr. Greco is unable to get clarification from the state that explains how the grant payment was calculated.
- **May 7, 2026:** Mr. Greco reports the issue to Dr. Youngberg who reaches out to the CSDE and requests a meeting to discuss the calculations.
- **May 8, 2026:** Dr. Youngberg updates the Board of Education of the GEMS grant shortfall and our hopes that there is a calculation error that can be remedied.
- **May 19, 2026:** Dr. Youngberg, Mr. Greco and Ms. Lamenzo met virtually with the CSDE team members who handle the GEMS grant. They acknowledge the impact of their lack of communication and the fact that they were very much aware of special circumstances related to GEMS closing. They are still not able to fully articulate how the calculations were done and will get back to us.
- **May 26, 2026:** The topic of the GEMS grant shortfall is discussed with the Board of Education during our monthly Finance Committee. The district is still waiting on the CSDE calculation details, as well as our end of year close out projections.
- **June 2, 2026:** Following Mr. Greco's Financial Report to the Board of Education, Dr. Youngberg mentioned that the GEMS grant will likely have an impact on our end of year close out. Mr. Greco reached back out to the CSDE to restate our calculation questions.

- **June 3, 2026:** The district held a Farewell Celebration for GEMS students, staff, families and community members. https://www.bloomfieldschools.org/article/2966873
- **June 4-12, 2026:** Ongoing communication with the CSDE to try and pinpoint the enrollment numbers that were used in their calculations. The correspondence makes it clear that there are no additional funds to provide the district and no legal authority to make such a payment even if there were funds available. The June 12th correspondence also makes it clear there is no appeals process.
- **June 17, 2026:** Mr. Greco provided a year end projection that showed the GEMS grant shortfall, as well as a number of unanticipated special education costs throughout the school year, created a deficit of $670, 877. Mr. Greco also submitted a final email correspondence to the CSDE restating our concerns.
- **June 22, 2026:** Dr. Youngberg and team shared the end of year projections with the Board Chair by phone. Dr. Youngberg then notified the Town Manager of the need to discuss the end of year projections and the impact of the reduced GEMS grant.
- **June 23 & 25, 2026:** Dr. Youngberg and Mr. Greco met with the Town Manager and Town team to discuss in detail the situation and determine next steps.
- **June 25, 2026:** The district received a response to the June 17th email along with the other 6 grant operators/districts that received final grant awards lower than their preliminary projected amounts.
- **June 26, 2026:** Dr. Youngberg, Mr. Greco, the Town Leadership Team, members from the Board of Education and Town Council met to review the information the school system would be being shared with the Town Council.

| Bloomfield Public Schools

Tracy A. Youngberg, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

February 28, 2025

Dear GEMS Students and Families,

On February 21st, the district decided that the Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS) would not be taking on any new students for the 2025-2026 school year. This decision came after a thorough review of enrollment, financial, performance and facilities-based information over the past five years. This decision will not impact GEMS students for the remainder of this school year or the 2025-2026 school year. The district has notified the Connecticut State Department of Education's Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) of this decision. We understand that RSCO will be contacting families who selected GEMS as their first-choice option by email and phone to ensure those applicants are made aware of the decision and have an opportunity to change their selections before the first round of placements for 2025-26, which will include placements for first choice selections only.

The district is committed to establishing a committee to explore the long-range viability of this magnet school. This committee will make recommendations to the Bloomfield Board of Education in the summer of 2025. From these recommendations, the Board of Education will have an opportunity to vote on the future of GEMS. While the decision to not take on any new students in 2025-2026 does not have an immediate impact on students currently enrolled in the school, the district acknowledges that this decision creates uncertainty for our current students and their families. In an effort to support students and families through this process, the following opportunities to discuss your concerns and have your questions answered have been scheduled at the school, located at 44 Griffin Road South, Bloomfield, Connecticut, 06002:

- March 6th (8:30 a.m.)
- March 6th (5:30 p.m.)
- March 11th (8:30 a.m.)
- March 11th (5:30 p.m.)

In addition to these sessions, I encourage GEMS families to reach out directly to me through email at tyoungberg@blmfld.org or by phone at (860) 769-4211. I thank you in advance for your patience while the district works to determine the future of GEMS.

Sincerely,

Tracy A. Youngberg

Tracy A. Youngberg
Superintendent of Schools

Bloomfield Public Schools



Making a Difference

Long Range Feasibility of Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS)

Dr. Tracy Youngberg
April 22, 2025

Important Dates:

- March 26th : First GEMS Committee Meeting
- April 1st: Follow Up Meeting with Principal Curley-Colon
- April 22nd: Share Preliminary Findings with Principal Curley-Colon; Make any adjustments based on her feedback
- April 22nd: Share Preliminary Findings w/ the Board of Education's Finance Committee; Make any adjustments based on their feedback
- April 23rd: Share Preliminary Findings w/ GEMS Committee and/or Sub-Committees; Make any adjustments based on their feedback
- May 21st: Third Meeting of the GEMS Committee
- May 27th (7pm): Present Findings to the Full Board of Education with at least one member of each GEMS Sub Committee present
- Board of Education to determine vote (5/27, 6/3 or in Special Meeting Date TBD)

First GEMS Committee Meeting

GEMS Current Reality:

- Staffing
- Facilities & funding limitations
- Course offerings
- Student needs
- Student performance and attendance data
- Challenges of having more than 90% of their school from out of district

Consider Implications of GEMS becoming a 9-12 only school

Sub Committees

- Finance
- Facilities
- Operations

April 1st: Follow Up Meeting with Principal Curley-Colon

Considered GEMS Grades 9-12 only

Students:

- No specific magnet theme identified
- 120 students enrollment (100 out of district and 20 Bloomfield)
- $13,777 per out of district students
- Special Education reimbursements

Staffing:

- Projections on Full Staff (Added Core Teachers, Interventionists, Electives, Foreign Language & Instructional Assistants)
- Used Actual Salaries when possible
- 18% Benefits Costs

Additional Costs of School Operations:

- Utilities
- Maintenance
- Transportation
- Supplies/Equipment
- Miscellaneous (Conferences, Dues, Printing, Postage, etc.)

Additional Revenue/Savings Considerations:

- Reformulation Grant from the CSDE RSCO; If received 2 million dollars over 3 years
- Could this school also serve our Alternative High School needs? (Approx. $14K per student currently being paid to OPP)

	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031	2031-2032
Staffing Projections	$ 2,956,258.87	$ 3,059,752.51	$ 3,136,246.32	$ 3,214,652.48	$ 3,295,018.79	$ 3,377,394.26
Benefits Projections	$ 532,126.60	$ 550,755.45	$ 564,524.34	$ 578,637.45	$ 593,103.38	$ 607,930.97
Utilities	$ 77,137.52	$ 79,837.33	$ 82,631.63	$ 85,523.74	$ 88,517.07	$ 91,615.17
Maintenance	$ 19,642.28	$ 19,936.91	$ 20,235.97	$ 20,539.51	$ 20,847.60	$ 21,160.31
Supplies/ Equipment	$ 29,825.30	$ 30,123.55	$ 30,424.79	$ 30,729.04	$ 31,036.33	$ 31,346.69
Transport.	$ 167,440.00	$ 174,137.60	$ 179,361.73	$ 184,742.58	$ 190,284.86	$ 195,993.40
Misc.	$ 20,814.08	$ 21,022.22	$ 21,232.44	$ 21,444.77	$ 21,659.22	$ 21,875.81
Estimated Cost to Operate GEMS	$ 3,803,244.64	$ 3,935,565.58	$ 4,034,657.22	$ 4,136,269.56	$ 4,240,467.25	$ 4,347,316.61
Magnet School Operating Grant	$ 1,377,700.00	$ 1,377,700.00	$ 1,391,477.00	$ 1,405,391.77	$ 1,419,445.69	$ 1,433,640.14
Out of District SPED Reimburse.	$ 255,337.00	$ 262,997.11	$ 269,572.04	$ 276,311.34	$ 283,219.12	$ 290,299.60
RSCO Reform. Grant	$666,667	$666,667	$666, 667	--	--	--
Estimated Contrib. from General Funds	$1,503,540	$1,628,201	$1,706,941	$2,454,566	$2,537,802	$2,623,376

		2026-2027
Staffing Projections	Assumes full staffing model 2.5% General Wage Increase year to year	$ 2,956,258.87
Benefits Projections	18% estimated benefits	$ 532,126.60
Utilities	3.5% increase each year	$ 77,137.52
Maintenance	Based on 10 year average	$ 19,642.28
Supplies/Equipment	Estimated 1% increase each year	$ 29,825.30
Transport.	Current contract 4% increase; 3% thereafter	$ 167,440.00
Misc.	Estimated 1% increase	$ 20,814.08
Estimated Cost to Operate GEMS	Added All of the Above	$ 3,803,244.64
Magnet School Operating Grant	100 out of district students; 1 % increase starting in 28-29	$ 1,377,700.00
Out of District SPED Reimburse.	3% increase in 27-28and 2.5% thereafter	$ 255,337.00
RSCO Reform. Grant	Assumes the district gets the 2 million dollar grant and its evenly divided over 3 years	$666,667
Estimated Annual General Funds	**Represents approx. 2.8% of the district's current operating budget**	**$1,503,540**
Can the district offset costs by combining GEMS w/ its Alternative High School?	**This assumes we are permitted under the RSCO Magnet Charter to do so and the entire cost of tuition, special education and transportation can be deducted from our overhead**	**Tuition & SPED Costs Approx. $196,000 (14 students X 14K) + Transportation Approx. 80K=$276,000 Estimated General Funds: $1,227,540, or approx. 2.31% of the district's operating budget**

Questions, Comments, Additional Information Needed?

Tracy Youngberg

From: Tracy Youngberg <tyoungberg@blmfld.org>
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 5:28 PM
To: Robin Cecere; Shola Freeman; Keith Norton
Cc: Krista Cherry (Borysewicz)
Subject: GEMS
Attachments: Letter to Families - GEMS Update - June 13 2025.docx

Good Evening,
Last night the Board voted to close GEMS after the 2025-2026 school year. I am out of the office until Wednesday, June 18, but I look forward to catching up with you after that. I specifically want to learn about how RSCO may be able to offer placement options for our students. I am attaching a copy of the latest letter we are sharing with the community.
Thank you.
Tracy

Sent from my iPhone

Bloomfield Public Schools

Tracy A. Youngberg, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

June 13, 2025

Dear Bloomfield Community,

I am writing to inform you of an important update regarding the future of the Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS).

At a Special Meeting of the Bloomfield Board of Education held on Thursday, June 12, 2025, the Board voted unanimously in support of my recommendation to close GEMS following the conclusion of the 2025–2026 school year. This decision comes after an extensive review of enrollment trends, staffing and financial projections, facility needs and school performance.

The district is committed to ensuring the 2025-2026 school year is as productive and engaging as possible for the current GEMS students. We will be working closely with the Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) in an effort to identify placement options for our students for the 2026–2027 school year and beyond. As previously provided, families may contact Mr. Kerry Mattson, Parent Resource Center Manager at RSCO, at (860) 713-6990 **or** rsco.sde@ct.gov.

We are also hopeful that our GEMS students who are Bloomfield residents will consider returning to the Bloomfield Public Schools for the 2026-2027 school year.

In addition to supporting our students and families though this transition, our Human Resources Department will be supporting the GEMS staff. In an effort to address the emotions that are often tied to closing a school, the district plans to engage the greater community and GEMS Alumni in a formal farewell to the school in the Spring of 2026.

If you have questions or need assistance related to the recent GEMS decision, please reach out directly to me via email at tyoungberg@blmfld.org or by phone at (860) 769-4211.

Thank you for your continued partnership, understanding, and support during this transition.

Sincerely,

Tracy A. Youngberg

Tracy A. Youngberg
Superintendent of Schools

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Superintendent of Schools

July 22, 2025

Dear Bloomfield Community,

As you have been made aware, the Bloomfield Board of Education voted to close the Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS) at the conclusion of the 2025–2026 school year. Although GEMS will continue with full access to educational programming through the 2025–2026 school year, we understand that families are already thinking ahead to 2026–2027. To support those interested in continuing in a school choice program, the Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) will contact families in late November 2025 with detailed information about the school choice application process. RSCO will also provide personalized assistance to help families navigate the process and maximize their opportunity for placement. In the meantime, families may reach out to RSCO directly at (860) 713-6990 or rsco.sde@ct.gov with any questions.

The district is also hopeful that GEMS students who reside in the town of Bloomfield will consider returning to the Bloomfield Public Schools beginning in the 2026–2027 school year. Our team is prepared to support these students with a seamless and welcoming transition.

As previously noted, the district remains committed to supporting all GEMS students, families, and staff throughout this transition. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (860) 769-4211, or tyoungberg@blmfld.org with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued partnership, trust, and patience during this time of change.

Sincerely,

Tracy A. Youngberg

Tracy A. Youngberg
Superintendent of Schools

Tracy Youngberg

From: Tracy Youngberg
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 3:08 PM
To: 'charlene.russell-tucker@ct.gov'
Cc: 'am.hitchery@ct.gov'; 'kimberly.Zisa@ct.gov'; 'Cecere, Robin'
Subject: Bloomfield-GEMS

Good Afternoon Commissioner,

I am writing to formally notify you of the recent Board of Education decision to close Bloomfield's Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS) at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year. This decision was based on my recommendation and came with an extensive analysis of the school's long range fiscal feasibility, facility and staffing needs, student enrollment and achievement data, as well as collaboration with the Regional School Choice Office (RSCO). I have copied in Robin Cecere so she is aware that your office has been notified of this decision. Please let me know if you have any questions about the closing of this magnet school at the end of the upcoming school year. Thank you.

Tracy A. Youngberg, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Bloomfield Public Schools
1133 Blue Hills Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002
(860) 769-4211

November 18, 2025

Dear GEMS Families,

As you are aware, Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS) will close at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. The district continues to hope GEMS students who reside in Bloomfield will consider Bloomfield High School as their next school. In an effort to support the transition for GEMS students who plan to choose a magnet school for the 2026-2027 school year, the Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) has planned a number of supportive measures.

These measures include the following:

- GEMS students will be eligible for Pathway School Priority in the 2026-2027 magnet school application process
- RSCO will provide support with completing the application process
- A Virtual Informational Session will be provided on December 1st (5-6pm), and
- Individual In Person Meetings will be offered by appointment on December 10th (1-3pm).

This letter contains all of the information GEMS families need to access the RSCO supports and navigate the transition to a new magnet school for the 2026-2027 school year.

Pathway School Priority:

RSCO has confirmed with their magnet operators that students currently enrolled at GEMS applying to any of the schools and grades listed below are eligible to receive a Pathway School Priority in the 2026-27 application. Applicants should rank schools with a pathway school priority as their first-choice selection to increase the likelihood of an offer at that school, although a priority does not guarantee a placement offer. Families can find out information on the order of priorities in the placement protocol on the Placement Priorities section of the RSCO website to help inform their selections.

Pathway Priority Schools for GEMS Students	School Grade Range
Academy of Aerospace and Engineering	6 - 12
Academy of Computer Science and Engineering High School	9 - 12
Academy of Computer Science and Engineering Middle School	6 - 8
Academy of International Studies ***(Grades 8 through 10 only)****	6 - 12

Pathway Priority Schools for GEMS Students	School Grade Range
Academy of Science and Innovation	6 – 12
Ana Grace Academy of the Arts	PK3 - 8
Betances STEM Magnet School	5 – 8
Capital Preparatory Magnet School	PK3 - 12
Classical Magnet School	6 – 12
Connecticut IB Academy ***(Grades 9 and 10 only)****	9 – 12
Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin University	6 – 12
Early College Advanced Manufacturing Pathway at Goodwin University ***(Half Day Program)***	12
Great Path Academy at CT State Manchester	9 – 12
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts - Half Day	9 – 12
Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts High School - Full Day	9 – 12
Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy	6 – 12
Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts: High School Campus	9 – 12
Pathways Academy of Technology and Design	9 – 12
RiverTech at Goodwin University ***(Grades 9 and 10 only)****	9 – 12
Sport and Medical Sciences Academy	6 – 12
University High School of Science and Engineering	9 – 12

****IB programs generally do not admit students at the 11th and 12th grade levels so the pathway priority is limited to the lower grades for these schools.***

*****RiverTech at Goodwin University will be accepting applications for the 9th and 10th grade as they continue to expand to all High School grade levels through the 2028-29 SY.***

Many of these schools will be hosting Open Houses/School Tour opportunities from now throughout the application period. We encourage families to check out the events calendar for more information on dates, times and locations: https://www.chooseyourschool.org/en/events. School based events can also be found on the school cards in our online school directory: RSCO School Choice | Magnet Schools

Plans for Application Assistance:

The application opens for the 2026-2027 school year on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025 and closes on Friday, February 6th, 2026. Once the application opens, families will be able to create or update their guardian accounts, update their student profiles, and submit an application. The pathway school priority will appear for the applicable schools once the student profile is created/updated with GEMS listed as the student's current school.

Prior to the application opening, if families have any questions about the Pathway School Priority, the application process, or would like to discuss application strategy, they can reach out to Kerry Mattson, Parent Resource Center Manager, at 860-713-6487 or by email at Kerry.Mattson@ct.gov. The most important part of this process is making certain that GEMS families apply on-time in order to activate the Pathway School Priority.

December 1, 2025 (5-6pm) Virtual Information Session:

RSCO Parent Resource Center staff will present important information for GEMS families submitting RSCO School Choice Applications for the 2026-27 School Year.

Meeting Agenda:

- Eligible Pathway School Priorities
- Guardian Account and Student Profile Management
- ChooseYourSchool.org events calendar and Open Houses
- Past Seat Availability Features in the Online School Directory

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December 10, 2025 In Person Meetings (1-3pm):

Similar to signing up for a parent teacher conference, GEMS families will be provided an opportunity to schedule these in person meetings that will take place at the school.

If you have any questions about any of the information included in this letter, please contact Principal Laura Curley-Colon (860) 769-6600 or lcurley-colon@blmfld.org.

Sincerely,

Tracy A. Youngberg

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Superintendent of Schools

TOWN OF
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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., *Town Manager*

From: Darrell V. Hill, *Director of Finance*

Copy: Sharron L. Tia-Williams, *Deputy Town Manager*
Donna J. Stewart, *Deputy Director of Finance*

Re: **FY2026 4th Quarter Transfers – Board/Department of Education**

Date: June 29, 2026

Under the provision of Section 908 of the Town Charter, at the request of the Town Manager, but only during the fourth quarter, the Council may by resolution transfer any unencumbered appropriation balance from one department to another.

The transfers will implement requests made by the Board of Education and Superintendent resulting from the shortfall in Special Revenue Grant funding.

A resolution to authorize the Town Council to transfer $670,877 in appropriations from within the FY2026 General Fund Budget from the departments below is attached.

The following amounts in the departments shown below are free from encumbrances in the FY2026 General Fund:

From Department		Amount
0146	Information Technology	($45,000)
0130	Town Clerk	(50,000)
0143	Finance Tax Collector	(25,000)
0147	Finance Accounting	(95,000)
0145	Human Resources	(90,000)
0301	Planning and Development	(45,000)
0510	Leisure Services	(55,000)
0610	Public Library	(20,000)
0700	Human Services	(25,000)
0910	Fixed Charges	(100,000)
0950	Miscellaneous Charges	(120,877)
	TOTAL	($670,877)

The above unencumbered amounts are to be transferred to the following department in the FY2026 General Fund budget:

To Department	Amount	Reason
1200 Board of Education	$670,877	Special Revenue Grants received less than budgeted.

A draft Council resolution authorizing approval of these transfers is attached.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Section 908 of the Town of Bloomfield Charter, that the below transfers of appropriations be approved:

The following amounts in the departments shown below are free from encumbrances in the FY2026 General Fund:

From Department		Amount
0146	Information Technology	($45,000)
0130	Town Clerk	(50,000)
0143	Finance Tax Collector	(25,000)
0147	Finance Accounting	(95,000)
0145	Human Resources	(90,000)
0301	Planning and Development	(45,000)
0510	Leisure Services	(55,000)
0610	Public Library	(20,000)
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0910	Fixed Charges	(100,000)
0950	Miscellaneous Charges	(120,877)
	TOTAL	($670,877)

The above unencumbered amounts are to be transferred to the following department in the FY2026 General Fund budget:

To Department		Amount
1200	Board of Education	$670,877

And it be further Resolved, the Town Manager is authorized to transfer any unencumbered departmental balances during closeout between departments in order to balance any unanticipated overages.

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

Status of Revenues and Expenditures - UNAUDITED

FY2026 as of 6/26/2026 - Adjusted for BOE Special Revenue Grant Shortfall

REVENUES	Unaudited FY 2025	Year-to-Date as of 5/31/2025	ADOPTED FY 2026	REVISED FY 2026	Year-to-Date as of 6/26/2026	Projected to 6/30/26 as of 6/26/2026	Variance (under)
Taxes and Assessments	$96,987,040	$96,927,993	$98,654,359	$98,654,359	$97,805,276	$97,805,276	($849,083)
State Education Grants	5,343,223	2,733,971	5,464,768	5,464,768	5,407,335	5,456,440	(8,328)
St. Grants-Property Tax Relief	2,644,751	2,080,960	1,728,491	1,728,491	3,241,704	3,241,819	1,513,328
Other State & Federal Grants	485,045	484,436	494,353	494,353	589,256	589,256	94,903
Use of Assets	2,421,961	2,679,598	708,000	708,000	1,099,173	1,099,173	391,173
Miscellaneous Revenue	238,914	168,167	150,000	150,000	178,717	178,717	28,717
Licenses and Permits	1,360,446	1,268,111	1,341,700	1,341,700	1,623,575	1,623,575	281,875
Fees and Service Charges	1,662,559	1,470,599	1,327,600	1,327,600	1,964,262	1,964,262	636,662
Appropriated Fund Balance	2,750,000	2,750,000	3,750,000	3,750,000	3,750,000	3,750,000	0
TOTAL REVENUES	**$113,893,939**	**$110,563,835**	**$113,619,271**	**$113,619,271**	**$115,659,299**	**$115,708,519**	**$2,089,248**

FUNCTION & ACTIVITY	Unaudited FY 2025	Year-to-Date as of 5/31/2025	ADOPTED FY 2026	REVISED FY 2026	Year-to-Date as of 6/26/2026	Projected to 6/30/26 as of 6/26/2026	Variance (under)
EXPENDITURES					*(includes encumbrances)*		
Town Administration	$6,353,903	$5,522,095	$6,795,886	$6,795,886	$7,001,851	$7,046,040	$250,154
Boards & Agencies	443,803	393,542	305,294	305,294	420,585	424,872	119,578
Building and Land Use	1,439,125	1,241,871	1,732,453	1,732,453	1,616,959	1,681,638	(50,816)
Public Safety	12,287,314	11,003,304	12,190,084	12,190,084	10,467,449	11,995,696	(194,388)
Public Works	6,818,698	6,462,969	7,459,903	7,459,903	6,927,465	7,343,113	(116,790)
Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services	1,283,217	1,117,488	1,399,763	1,399,763	1,229,729	1,340,405	(59,358)
Public Library	2,479,995	2,236,946	2,708,396	2,708,396	2,531,509	2,683,400	(24,997)
Human Services	2,641,117	2,454,087	2,944,953	2,944,953	2,674,222	2,913,615	(31,338)
Fixed Charges	14,505,879	13,238,420	15,327,411	15,327,411	9,717,503	14,673,429	(653,982)
Miscellaneous Charges	622,791	133,003	291,600	291,600	115,311	143,520	(148,080)
Debt Service	7,354,730	2,900,673	8,257,362	8,257,362	8,257,362	8,257,362	0
Board of Education	53,424,365	35,674,018	54,321,894	54,321,894	54,992,771	54,992,771	670,877
Operating Transfers Out	350,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL TOWN BUDGET	**$110,004,937**	**$82,378,416**	**$113,735,000**	**$113,735,000**	**$105,952,714**	**$113,495,860**	($239,140)
Variance	$3,889,003	$28,185,418	($115,729)	($115,729)	$9,706,584	$2,212,659	$2,328,388

Estimated, Unassigned Fund Balance at June 30, 2026 (UNAUDITED)

Unassigned Fund Balance June 30, 2025 **(UNAUDITED)**	$24,698,388
Add: Additional Revenue FY2026 **(Unaudited)**	2,089,248
Add: Additional Expenditure Savings FY2026 **(Unaudited)**	(239,140)
Less: Budgeted Use & Transfer of Unassigned Fund Balance FY2026	(7,750,000)
Estimated Unassigned Fund Balance June 30, 2026	**$18,798,495**

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

Status of Expenditures, by Activity (Department) - UNAUDITED

FY2026 as of 6/26/2026 - Adjusted for BOE Special Revenue Grant Shortfall

	FUNCTION & ACTIVITY	Unaudited Expenditures FY 2025	YTD Expenditures as of 5/31/2025 FY 2025	Adopted Budget FY 2026	Revised Budget FY 2026	Year-to-Date Actuals as of 6/26/2026	Encumbrances as of 6/26/2026	% Used	Estimated Expenditures as of 6/30/2026	Estimated Variance (under)
0100	Town Administration	$6,353,903	$5,522,095	$6,795,886	$6,795,886	$6,450,176	$551,675	103.0%	$7,046,040	$250,154
0200	Boards & Agencies	443,803	393,542	305,294	305,294	372,881	47,704	137.8%	424,872	119,578
0301	Planning and Development	1,439,125	1,241,871	1,732,453	1,732,453	1,550,384	66,575	93.3%	1,681,638	(50,816)
0311	Public Safety	12,287,314	11,003,304	12,190,084	12,190,084	10,128,719	338,730	85.9%	11,995,696	(194,388)
0401	Public Works	6,818,698	6,462,969	7,459,903	7,459,903	6,622,745	304,720	92.9%	7,343,113	(116,790)
0510	Leisure Services	1,283,217	1,117,488	1,399,763	1,399,763	1,183,007	46,722	87.9%	1,340,405	(59,358)
0610	Public Library	2,479,995	2,236,946	2,708,396	2,708,396	2,468,328	63,181	93.5%	2,683,400	(24,997)
0700	Human Services	2,641,117	2,454,087	2,944,953	2,944,953	2,574,690	99,532	90.8%	2,913,615	(31,338)
0910	Fixed Charges	14,505,879	13,238,420	15,327,411	15,327,411	8,991,582	725,921	63.4%	14,673,429	(653,982)
0950	Miscellaneous Charges	622,791	133,003	291,600	291,600	105,016	10,295	39.5%	143,520	(148,080)
0970	Debt Service	7,354,730	2,900,673	8,257,362	8,257,362	8,257,362	-	100.0%	8,257,362	0
1200	Board of Education	53,424,365	35,674,018	54,321,894	54,321,894	42,766,967	12,225,804	101.2%	54,992,771	670,877
7180	Operating Transfers Out	350,000	0	0	0	0	-	--	-	0
	Total Town Budget	**$110,004,937**	**$82,378,416**	**$113,735,001**	**$113,735,001**	**$91,471,855**	**$14,480,860**	**93.2%**	**$113,495,860**	**($239,140)**
0100	**Town Administration**									
0110	General Government Admin	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	-	0
0111	Town Council	19,650	19,143	21,040	21,040	13,985	0	66.5%	21,040	0
0120	Town Manager	731,124	667,427	909,544	909,544	852,040	26,903	96.6%	909,544	0
0121	Operations & Communications	542,176	494,065	632,098	632,098	628,492	24,936	103.4%	659,962	27,864
0146	Information Technology	1,260,868	973,772	1,400,198	1,400,198	1,115,525	155,347	90.8%	1,270,872	(129,325)
0130	Town Clerk	524,682	476,558	608,896	608,896	532,665	21,827	91.1%	554,491	(54,405)
0141	Finance Administration	450,440	420,622	512,390	512,390	698,379	48,728	145.8%	747,107	234,717
0142	Finance Assessor	540,214	491,466	642,156	642,156	537,832	101,267	99.5%	639,099	(3,057)
0143	Finance Tax Collector	398,894	371,702	427,808	427,808	373,783	24,200	93.0%	397,982	(29,825)
0144	Finance Central Office	102,215	79,543	70,901	70,901	58,765	860	84.1%	59,625	(11,275)
0147	Finance Accounting	433,251	390,511	535,967	535,967	418,768	13,776	80.7%	432,544	(103,423)
0145	Human Resources	964,981	893,439	766,352	766,352	627,995	41,905	87.4%	669,900	(96,452)
0160	Town Attorney	385,408	243,849	268,538	268,538	591,946	91,928	254.7%	683,874	415,336
0170	Town Treasurer	0	0	0	0	0	0		-	0
	Total	6,353,903	5,522,095	6,795,886	6,795,886	6,450,176	551,675	103.0%	7,046,040	250,154
0200	**Boards & Agencies**									
0210	TPZ	11,033	10,036	6,550	6,550	2,174	0	33.2%	2,174	(4,376)
0220	ZBA	531	531	1,100	1,100	1,722	0	156.6%	1,722	622
0230	Board of Tax Review	495	495	638	638	283	0	44.3%	283	(355)
0240	Registrars of Voters	378,744	342,634	236,956	236,956	336,512	28,700	154.1%	365,212	128,256
0241	Elections	30,770	27,193	33,400	33,400	18,134	13,203	93.8%	31,338	(2,062)
0250	Inland Wetlands	1,867	1,676	1,600	1,600	1,276	0	79.8%	1,276	(324)

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

Status of Expenditures, by Activity (Department) - UNAUDITED

FY2026 as of 6/26/2026 - Adjusted for BOE Special Revenue Grant Shortfall

	FUNCTION & ACTIVITY	Unaudited Expenditures **FY 2025**	YTD Expenditures **as of 5/31/2025 FY 2025**	Adopted Budget **FY 2026**	Revised Budget **FY 2026**	Year-to-Date Actuals **as of 6/26/2026**	Encumbrances as of **6/26/2026**	% Used	Estimated Expenditures **as of 6/30/2026**	Estimated Variance (under)
0260	Economic Development	0	0	200	200	0	0	0.0%	-	(200)
0275	Commission on Aging	1,854	1,206	4,000	4,000	1,713	2,890	115.1%	4,603	603
0281	Youth Adult Council	3,000	2,659	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	100.0%	3,000	0
0290	Advisory Comm. Handicapped	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	-	0
0294	Cons. Energy & Enviroment	3,024	2,228	3,000	3,000	2,888	0	96.3%	2,888	(112)
0295	Beautification Committee	7,181	4,494	7,600	7,600	3,107	0	40.9%	7,395	(205)
0296	Fair Rent Commission	(2,250)	(2,250)	1,000	1,000	0	0	0.0%	-	(1,000)
0297	Ethic Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	-	0
0298	Humanities Commission	4,025	2,353	3,250	3,250	1,981	0	60.9%	1,981	(1,269)
0299	Arts Commission	3,529	288	3,000	3,000	90	2,910	100.0%	3,000	0
	Total	443,803	393,542	305,294	305,294	372,881	47,704	137.8%	424,872	119,578
	Planning and Development									
0301	Planning and Development ***excl Eng.***	1,439,125	1,241,871	1,732,453	1,732,453	1,550,384	66,575	93.3%	1,681,638	(50,816)
	Total	1,439,125	1,241,871	1,732,453	1,732,453	1,550,384	66,575	93.3%	1,681,638	(50,816)
	Public Safety									
0311	Police	12,287,314	11,003,304	12,190,084	12,190,084	10,128,719	338,730	85.9%	11,995,696	(194,388)
	Total	12,287,314	11,003,304	12,190,084	12,190,084	10,128,719	338,730	85.9%	11,995,696	(194,388)
	Public Works									
0401	Public Works **+ Engineering**	6,818,698	6,462,969	7,459,903	7,459,903	6,622,745	304,720	92.9%	7,343,113	(116,790)
	Total	6,818,698	6,462,969	7,459,903	7,459,903	6,622,745	304,720	92.9%	7,343,113	(116,790)
	Leisure Services									
0510	Leisure Services	1,283,217	1,117,488	1,399,763	1,399,763	1,183,007	46,722	87.9%	1,340,405	(59,358)
	Total	1,283,217	1,117,488	1,399,763	1,399,763	1,183,007	46,722	87.9%	1,340,405	(59,358)
	Public Library									
0610	Library Operations	2,479,995	2,236,946	2,708,396	2,708,396	2,468,328	63,181	93.5%	2,683,400	(24,997)
	Total	2,479,995	2,236,946	2,708,396	2,708,396	2,468,328	63,181	93.5%	2,683,400	(24,997)
	Human Services									
0711	Health	308,038	308,038	309,228	309,228	312,950	0	101.2%	312,950	3,722
0721	Social Services	1,076,142	958,167	1,268,377	1,268,377	1,046,045	39,696	85.6%	1,248,603	(19,774)
0751	Senior Services	1,256,937	1,187,882	1,367,348	1,367,348	1,215,694	59,835	93.3%	1,352,062	(15,287)
	Total	2,641,117	2,454,087	2,944,953	2,944,953	2,574,690	99,532	90.8%	2,913,615	(31,338)
	Fixed Charges									
0910	Fixed Charges	14,505,879	13,238,420	15,327,411	15,327,411	8,991,582	725,921	63.4%	14,673,429	(653,982)
	Total	14,505,879	13,238,420	15,327,411	15,327,411	8,991,582	725,921	63.4%	14,673,429	(653,982)

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

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FY2026 as of 6/26/2026 - Adjusted for BOE Special Revenue Grant Shortfall

	FUNCTION & ACTIVITY	Unaudited Expenditures **FY 2025**	YTD Expenditures **as of 5/31/2025** **FY 2025**	Adopted Budget **FY 2026**	Revised Budget **FY 2026**	Year-to-Date Actuals **as of 6/26/2026**	Encumbrances as of **6/26/2026**	% Used	Estimated Expenditures **as of 6/30/2026**	Estimated Variance (under)
	Miscellaneous Charges									
0950	Miscellaneous Charges	622,791	133,003	291,600	291,600	105,016	10,295	39.5%	143,520	(148,080)
	Total	622,791	133,003	291,600	291,600	105,016	10,295	39.5%	143,520	(148,080)
	Debt Service									
0970	Debt Service	7,354,730	2,900,673	8,257,362	8,257,362	8,257,362	0	100.0%	8,257,362	0
	Total	7,354,730	2,900,673	8,257,362	8,257,362	8,257,362	0	100.0%	8,257,362	0
	Board of Education									
1200	Board of Education	53,424,365	35,674,018	54,321,894	54,321,894	42,766,967	12,225,804	101.2%	54,992,771	670,877
	Total	53,424,365	35,674,018	54,321,894	54,321,894	42,766,967	12,225,804	101.2%	54,992,771	670,877
	Operating Transfers Out									
7180	CNRE	350,000	0	0	0	0	0	--	-	0
	Total	350,000	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	0
Total Town Government Operations		**$110,004,937**	**$82,378,416**	**$113,735,001**	**$113,735,001**	**$91,471,855**	**$14,480,860**	**93.2%**	**113,495,860**	**(239,140)**