

## **N**onpartisan **A**ction for a **B**etter **R**edding

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### **Improved, interactive School Grants Calculator now available on-line.**

Redding, CT — NABR has improved its School Grants Calculator. Available for use at [www.betterredding.org](http://www.betterredding.org) the calculator is now simpler to use and more powerful in showing the savings possible by the adoption of school choice. A few readily available numbers are required as input and the calculator instantly shows an estimate of the saving possible in a town or district.

The calculator was developed jointly by the Yankee Institute for Public Policy, a Connecticut-based think tank, and NABR, a group promoting school choice in Connecticut. “We are delighted by its reception and use, not only from Connecticut users, but also from other regions of the US” notes David Bohn, President of NABR. “Because it’s easy to ask ‘what if’ question, the interactive calculator provides insight into the money-saving benefits that go with the adoption of school choice”.



Gerald Gunderson, Shelby Cullom Davis Professor of American Business and Economic Enterprise at Trinity College, is enthusiastic about the calculator “because it bypasses the technical mechanics to provide the benefits of adopting school choice in any town in Connecticut . The educational benefits of school choice are well researched and known, and the calculator now shows the financial benefits.”

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Executive Director of the Yankee Institute, Dr. Lewis Andrews, says: “The competition among schools where parents are empowered with school choice is beneficial to students at both public and private schools. The validation of school choice is well documented. And now, with the calculator which we developed with NABR, anyone can quickly see the financial savings which accompany school choice. We encourage municipalities to take a good, hard look at school choice, and use the calculator as a tool to assess the money-saving consequences of school choice.”

President of American for Tax Reform (ATR) Grover Norquist said “School choice is not just an educational innovation; it has financial benefits as well. This calculator shows municipalities exactly how much they can save by subsidizing students to attend private schools.”



Economist Stephen Moore, a Member of the *Wall Street*



*Journal* Editorial Board noted “The Redding taxpayer group (Nonpartisan Action for a Better Redding) and the Yankee Institute have created an easy-to-use online calculator, which can show any school district the financial advantages of using school choice to fund public education. The financial case for school choice is especially compelling, when grants for private education are used as an alternative to expense new school construction.”

A small brochure about school choice and the calculator is available from NABR, free. Send your name and address in an email addressed to [brochure@betterredding.org](mailto:brochure@betterredding.org) Indicate the quantity desired if you wish to distribute the brochures to your town leaders or board of education. NABR offers to make a presentation about school choice, and the role of the calculator, to town boards or groups; a phone call to 203 938 9086 will get things started.

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Editor: The image below is from the NABR website [www.betterredding.org](http://www.betterredding.org)



**School Grants Calculator**

Operating Budget \$	<input type="text" value="17500000"/>
Number of Students	<input type="text" value="1000"/> <a href="#">i</a>
Current Per-Pupil Cost \$	<input type="text" value="17500"/> <a href="#">i</a>
Budget % for Fixed Costs	<input type="text" value="30"/> % <a href="#">i</a>
Est. Bonding Cost \$	<input type="text" value="0"/> <a href="#">i</a>
# of Grants to be Awarded	<input type="text" value="120"/> <a href="#">i</a>
Amount of the Grant to be Given \$	<input type="text" value="3000"/> <a href="#">i</a>
Public School Incentive \$	<input type="text" value="500"/> <a href="#">i</a>
<b>NET 10 YEAR SAVINGS FROM GRANTS:</b>	<b>\$15,945,526</b>
<a href="#">show / hide additional factors</a>	
Unreliable % of District Budget:	<input type="text" value="5"/> <a href="#">i</a>
Annual % Cost Increases:	<input type="text" value="8"/> <a href="#">i</a>
Estimate Annual Inflation Rate:	<input type="text" value="2"/> <a href="#">i</a>
Eligible Students in Non-Public Schools:	<input type="text" value="120"/> <a href="#">i</a>