

## BEST and Act 230 Fifty Percent Contribution Waiver Process

### Purpose

This document provides information about the process for school districts (SD) and supervisory unions (SU) to request a waiver to the BEST and Act 230 in-kind 50% contribution requirement per 16 V.S.A. § 2969, “(e) School districts and supervisory unions that apply for funds under this section must submit a plan for training that will result in lasting changes in their school systems and give assurances that at least 50 percent of the costs of training, including in-kind costs, will be assumed by the applicant...*the Secretary may identify schools most in need of training assistance and may pay for 100 percent of the assistance to the supervisory union or school district for these schools to fund the provision of training assistance for these schools.*”

### Application and Waiver Process

Each year, SD/SUs must submit an application through [GMS](#) (Grants Management System) to be eligible for BEST or Act 230 funds.

During the application process, applicants who wish to be identified as most in need of training assistance, may request a waiver of this requirement to the Agency of Education. To request a waiver SD/SUs must submit a letter to the Secretary of Education.

Applicant’s waiver requests should include the following information:

- Reason for submitting the waiver request
- Data and evidence supporting the reason for the waiver request
- If the SD/SU is eligible for Equity Supports

### Approval Process

Waiver requests will be reviewed at the same time as the original grant application. Applicants will be notified via email if their waiver has been approved. If a waiver is not approved, the applicant will be notified and asked to revise their grant application.

### Contact Information:

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