



**DO MORE WITH LESS THROUGH
REGIONAL EFFICIENCY EFFORTS**
2016 CCIC Member Forum





What is CREC?

- The Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) is one of six Regional Educational Service Centers (RESCs) established under Connecticut General Statutes.
- State law established RESCs as a "public educational authority" to allow towns and local BOEs to take "cooperative action to furnish programs and services."





CREC Programs and Services

Educational Programs:

- CREC operates 19 Magnet Schools
- Other CREC learning centers
 - River Street Schools
 - Soundbridge
 - Polaris Center/Lincoln Academy
 - Farmington Valley Diagnostic Center
 - Juvenile Detention Center





CREC Programs and Services

Office for Regional Efficiencies:

- Established to create collaborations and partnerships to achieve cost savings while providing high quality services
- Focused on finding efficiencies in **non-instructional** areas
- Primary goal is to reinvest resources back into the classroom





CREC Programs and Services

Facilities Assessments:

- CREC can help develop an effective and cost efficient facilities management program
 - Review policies and procedures
 - Audit mechanical equipment
 - Assess potential custodial issues
 - Investigate safety procedures





CREC Programs and Services

- Employee Assistance, Health/Wellness
- Adult education and workforce training
- Marketing and communications
- Program Assessment Services
 - Financial services
 - Food services
 - Technology
 - All other school operational services





CREC Programs and Services

Operational Services:

- Facility maintenance, custodial services
- Safety and school security
- Construction services
 - Owner's project management/owner's rep
 - Energy management and conservation
 - Closeout services
 - Move management





CREC Programs and Services

Security Services:

- School safety and security
- Mental Health
First Aid training





CREC Programs and Services

CREC Cooperative Purchasing



CONNECTICUT CONSORTIUM
for Cooperative Purchasing





AEPA Awarded Contracts

■ CREC currently holds contracts for:

Athletic Lighting	Classroom/Office Supplies
Classroom Presentation Systems	Copiers & MFDs
Custodial Supplies/Equip	Digital Resources
Facility Management Software	Industrial Arts/Tech Ed Equip
Kitchen Supplies	Roofing/Building Envelope
School Furniture	Scoreboards/Signage
Technology Catalog	Turf/Tracks/Courts





Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies (AEPA)

- Twenty-six member states
- Pooled purchasing experience and knowledge
- Purchase power – law of large numbers
- State-specific terms and bid ads





PEPPM Technology Bidding and Purchasing Program

- Top brand computers, networking and telecommunications equipment, printers and copiers awarded to 175 vendors.
- Plus catalog bids for:
 - Audio Visual Equipment
 - General Hardware and Software
 - Refurbished Computers and Parts
 - Remanufactured Laser Toner and Ink Cartridges





PEPPM Technology Bidding and Purchasing Program

- Nationwide technology bid run by an educational service agency in PA
- Anything you need – from cables to servers, technology furniture to security
- Advertised and supported in CT
- All orders are audited
- Deeper discounts for larger orders.





CREC Contracts

- CT Consortium for Cooperative Purchasing
 - School, office, art and health supplies
 - Multi-purpose paper drastically also reduced
- Locally bid on behalf of schools statewide





Other CREC Contracts

- Sidewalk Maintenance/Trip Hazard Mitigation
- Document Shredding
- Apply-Buy Back Program
- 3M Security Window Film





CT PRIME, Inc.





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- New CREC initiative to reduce medical benefit claims costs
- Allows self-insured employers to create their own shared risk pool and to purchase reinsurance for claims above \$500,000
- Provides for stabilization of rates and the ability to retained unused premium dollars.





CT PRIME, Inc.

- Program for Regional Insurance for Municipalities and Education
- 13 schools and towns committed
- Member governed
- Launching July 1, 2016





CT PRIME, Inc. - Goals

- Immediate savings from increasing premium renewal quotes
- Long-term stability
- Consideration of additional lines of coverage or programs to help reduce healthcare costs





CCIC and CREC Services

CCIC members can:

- Purchase through CREC's cooperative purchasing programs – just contact the vendor and ask for CREC pricing
- Learn more about CT PRIME, Inc. and stop loss insurance by contacting CREC
- Participate in CREC programs such as workforce training, grant writing, etc. . . .





Learn More About CORE

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