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I'll look this over this weekend Alan. Thanks for sending it up. I'm hoping for some information about what incentive an SO has to pay as low as he/she can to entice that student out of the Govt School. In other words, why would an SO (with 1 Million in his pot) not simply give away 90 scholarships at 10,000 each vs. 180 scholarships at 5,000 average each? It's easier to do 90 scholarships (vs. 180) and they still get to keep the same 10% of the total pot. We want as many students as possible out of the "system". At least, that is my goal.

ALSO

I am noodling around with another idea/approach that I will share with you now..... My towns contribution to the District school is based on a formula that includes ADM (average daily membership) and EV (equalized valuation) between the three towns in the district. My town pays the highest percentage of the costs and attendance is the biggest reason. My thought is Doubling the size of the SO pool (it would mean segregating the funds which is not a huge deal) by utilizing a contribution from the TOWN General Fund. I'm pretty sure I can convince my town selectmen that, if we contribute to a scholarship program, (perhaps up to DOUBLING the amount of the scholarship provided by the S.O. using the Tax Credit money) we will save money for every student that leaves the public school EVEN IF by creating the program we have to contribute to those parents whose students already attend private schools.

Using my towns figures..... we pay roughly \$ 14,000 per student for k-12 students.

Let's use the average State contribution for Adequate education of \$ 5,200 per student, that leaves \$ 8,800 to be funded by the Town per child.

Using the 80% of the Tax Credit we would be providing roughly \$ 4,100 for the S.O and another \$ 4,100 by the Town per child leaving the Government School. The town still saves \$ 4,700 which would mean that even if we only take away an equal number of student from the public school to those currently attending private school we would break even. Any number over that amount and the town reduces it's overall cost AND lowers it's taxes.

Thoughts?

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**From:** Alan Schaeffer [mailto:alan@NetworkForEducation.org]  
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Hi Greg,

Thanks for the heads-up on the meeting. I would like to attend, too.

On the SO project, I have a few things brewing. First, have a look at this info from the state of PA. As I get the story it's pretty much like running any non-profit—it's all about getting the funds and doing good at the least possible overhead cost. This publication has a few sample forms and guidelines from the EITC program in PA, which is most similar to ours by being based on business donations. It is a good place to start at least. Here's the link from which it came: