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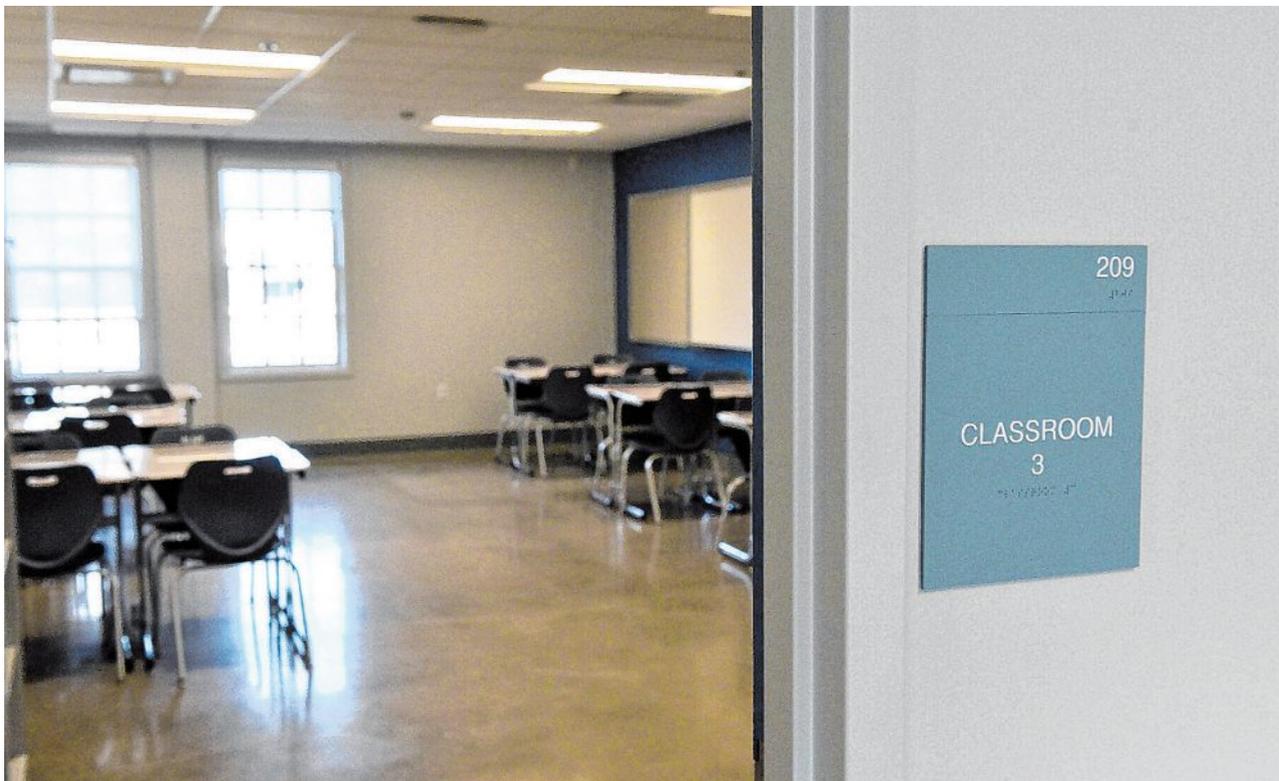
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High school math makeover



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Proposed legislation and a new statewide report push for enhanced math curriculum and teacher support in Connecticut schools.

Lamont proposal would bring state up to date

By Natasha Sokoloff

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Connecticut high schools may be on the verge of a math makeover that teachers and experts say will finally align class with the modern world.

The way the state approaches teaching math has not kept up with what students need, school resource gaps and the evolving workforce, according to a new report by ConnCAN, a statewide education advocacy organization.

“What we’re preparing students for is much different

than what we were preparing students for prior to 2000,” said Robin Moore, a professional learning specialist at EdAdvance and an officer in the Connecticut Council of Leaders of Mathematics. “What we’re finding instead is that many more jobs are requiring students to have knowledge of statistics and probability.”

Gov. Ned Lamont is backing efforts this legislative session to revamp math curriculum in high schools, so a change may be coming sooner rather than later.

The governor’s proposed legislation calls on Connecticut’s

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Pension spending nears \$3B

By Paul Hughes

STAFF WRITER

State spending on pensions for retired government workers and surviving beneficiaries rose to a record \$2.75 billion in the 2025 fiscal year, according to the latest annual state data.

The 2025 total represented a \$500 million increase from the previous fiscal year and a more than \$1 billion increase from the 2015 fiscal year based on annual reporting from the Office of the State Comptroller.

Retiree pensions and benefits represent a significant portion of the state budget. The \$2.75 billion in pension payments and the \$737.9 million appropriation for the cost of retired state employee

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