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TO: Superintendents of Schools
FROM: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner of Education *CRJ*
DATE: November 29, 2021
SUBJECT: Connecticut National Guard – Recruiter Access to Schools

The Department has received a request from Major General Francis J. Evon, Jr., the Adjutant General of the Connecticut National Guard (CTNG), to encourage districts to allow for access by CTNG recruiters into their schools. While recruiters ordinarily would be able to communicate with prospective students and families through an in-person presentation, the Department understands that the evolving pandemic presents unique challenges to schools and districts, and recognizes that a remote option may be preferable at this time. As such, the Department encourages districts to allow CTNG recruiters to either enter district buildings and access students to provide in-person information within appropriate schedules during and after school hours or afford such representatives access to students and their families for a remote experience.

Recruiting qualified individuals into the CTNG is a persistent challenge for “Connecticut’s Home Team.” The CTNG offers a wide variety of occupational specialties through which its members serve their local community, state, and nation. The CTNG is always ready, and always there, to support our state when called upon. In turn, we ask that you support their recruiting efforts within your respective school districts.

Service in the CTNG is unique relative to the other branches of the military in that it serves both the state and nation. While its members may be called upon to serve throughout the world, they primarily live and serve within the state, thereby contributing to the retention of skilled and marketable employees within Connecticut.

Additionally, service in the CTNG comes with an array of individual benefits. Most importantly, it provides a pathway to higher education at Connecticut’s public colleges and universities through a tuition waiver at those institutions, as well as occupational specialties that provide training and certifications for today’s in-demand employment sectors including manufacturing, medical, aviation, and skilled-trades.

Welcoming CTNG to meet with your students will afford them the opportunity to learn more about the many benefits of serving in the CTNG and assist our state in adding new qualified members to Connecticut’s Home Team.