



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



June 27, 2023

Dear Superintendents:

At the close of this academic year, I want to extend my sincerest thanks to each of you. Thank you for your tireless efforts to lead the daily operations of schools across our state. Thank you for your continued commitment to early literacy, accelerated learning, physical and mental well-being of students and staff, and making sure each student feels safe and ready to learn from the moment they arrive at school. Your efforts helped to return both our students and educators to their first “new normal” full year of in-person learning since the start of the pandemic. This could not have been more important, and YOU are the facilitators of this outcome.

The State Department of Education’s theme for this school year was “The Sky is NOT the Limit,” which was a call to action not only for our students, but for our educators, district leaders, and the Department. We continually strive to provide you with the most helpful resources possible. We are committed to offering enhanced services and focused communication in our ongoing effort to be helpful for yearlong planning purposes at the district level. To the best of our capabilities and using current information, we will be creating a school year tool that looks ahead at the supports, events, and grant opportunities that will be available, so you can plan more strategically. We also welcome any thoughts you may have on how we can improve our customer experience in supporting other efforts. We recognize the multitude of issues that you deal with daily go well beyond your interactions with the Department.

We look forward to our continued partnership on behalf of the students and educators in our state. During the summer break, please be intentional about attending to your own needs and well-being, and have fun with your friends, families, and loved ones. Have a restorative summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charlene M. Russell-Tucker".

Charlene M. Russell-Tucker
Commissioner of Education