



# Network Newsletter

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## I. Upcoming Events & Reminders

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### End of the year checklist:

- ✓ **7/25:** Deadline for year-end data submissions to Michelle Arader
- ✓ **July:** CSDE release of wraparound grant opportunity
- ✓ **8/8:** Deadline to register for NetStat
- ✓ **8/13:** NetStat and deadline for 7 draft Essential School Systems

## II. August 13 NetStat Essential Systems Workshop

Thank you again for your active participation during the June NetStat session, and we commend you on your ongoing efforts to build and refine your Essential School Systems this summer. Believe it or not, our next NetStat session is just around the corner. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming NetStat Essential Systems Workshop, which will take place on **Wednesday, August 13, from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**, at the Institute of Technology and Business Development (ITBD) in New Britain. Registration, the morning of, will begin at 8:30 AM and the first session will begin at 9:00 AM.

Registration for this session is now live. Please ensure that your school teams of up to five people register by **Friday, August 8**. To register, please click [here](#) or click the, "register now" button below. Similar to the registration process for the June session, if you are registering for multiple people at once, simply select the correct number in the "Quantity" menu; on the next page, you will see a prompt for the names and information of each person you are registering. Please direct any questions regarding NetStat registration to [Irma Francis](#).



In addition, for this NetStat session, all school teams will receive a data request asking for the submission of end-of-year data. Please submit this data request to [Michelle Arader](#) on or before **July 25**. Please also reach out to Michelle if you have any additional questions about this upcoming session.

## III. 2014-15 Wraparound Grant Opportunity

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is excited to announce another competitive grant opportunity. This grant is focused on wraparound services and supports. All Commissioner's Network schools are eligible to apply for up to \$100,000. These funds are to be used to enhance coordination and implementation of wraparound services in alignment with the core academic program and school model in Network schools. Funding is limited; only a few Network schools will be awarded funds based on the quality of the wraparound grant application.

The CSDE anticipates releasing this application later this month. Please direct all questions to [Kari Sullivan](#), Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education.

#### IV. Essential School Systems: Google Shared Drives

In addition to the [Essential School Systems website](#), which contains **system templates, tools, exemplars, and other resources** to help Network schools build and refine school-specific systems, the Turnaround Office has created a **Google Shared Drive** for each Network school. The purpose of the shared drive is to create an online space where Network schools and their Turnaround Office point of contacts can access documents and materials from any location. As you build out and refine your Essential School Systems, please use the Google drive to share working drafts and final systems. Each drive is unique to the individual Network schools. Your school Principal will receive, from your Turnaround Office point of contact, a unique link to your school's drive.

Once you access your drive you will notice a folder for each of the Essential School Systems framework areas (Talent, Academics, Culture and Climate, and Operations) and subfolders for each system within the framework area. Please save drafts and final materials in the appropriate folders on your school's drive, using the following suggested naming convention: [System Name - Draft/Final - XX.XX.XX]. Documents can simply be dragged and dropped into the appropriate folder or can be manually uploaded using the red upload button located on the far left toolbar.

The Turnaround Office recognizes and appreciates all the hard work Network schools are investing in these systems, and we value the opportunity to collaborate with your schools on this critical work. If you have questions on accessing, uploading and/or downloading documents to the shared drive, please contact [Dipa Desai](#) or reference the following guides on [accessing Google drives](#), [uploading files](#), [downloading files](#), and [sharing files and folders](#).



#### IV. Spotlight: Class of 2014!



*The photos above were taken during various graduation ceremonies. From left to right, the photos are from: Briggs High School, Norwalk; Crosby High School, Waterbury; High School in the Community, New Haven; Wilbur Cross High School, New Haven.*

The end of the school year brings reasons to celebrate, including moving up ceremonies, academic award ceremonies, athletic recognitions, and high school graduations. Commissioner's Network schools hosted several end-of-year events including four high school graduations this past month. Crosby High School in Waterbury hosted its graduation ceremony on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, followed by Briggs High School in Norwalk, on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, and Wilbur Cross High School in New Haven, and High School in the Community also in New Haven, hosted their commencement ceremonies and activities on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. To read a story published in the *Republican American* marking the 116<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony at Crosby High School click [here](#). To read a story published in the *New Haven Register* on, "Wilbur Cross Grads Celebrated for overcoming Obstacles," click [here](#).

A high school graduation is a significant milestone in the academic journey of a student. The Turnaround Office congratulates all of the graduating seniors on their hard work and dedication to their academic studies. We wish each and every graduate the best of luck in their future endeavors. Additionally, the Turnaround Office commends school principals, school staff, and families for their continuous belief, support, and unwavering dedication to help these students succeed, and ensuring college and career readiness.

**Congratulations Class of 2014 and good luck in your college and career endeavors!**

## V. CSDE led Summer Professional Development Opportunities

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is offering many training opportunities this summer for teachers and administrators. These trainings are offered at **no cost** to participants or their districts, but **registration is required** in advance. Below is a summary of these offerings.

The CSDE's **Talent Office** is offering three different trainings this summer for administrators and teachers:

1. **Understanding the Revised CCT Rubric for Effective Teaching 2014 (intended for all educators, including teachers);**
2. **Teacher Evaluation Refresher Using the New CCT Rubric for Effective Teaching 2014 (intended for previously-trained evaluators);**
3. **Five-day Teacher Evaluation Training for Administrators (intended for evaluators of teachers who have not been previously trained); and**

\*These sessions will be offered at the Regional Education Service Centers (RESCs) on multiple dates from late June through August. All sessions run for one day except the five-day teacher evaluation training for new evaluators and the two-day administrator evaluation training. Please register for the Talent trainings at Connecticut's [System for Educator Evaluation and Development \(SEED\) website](#).

The CSDE's **Academic Office** is offering the following Summer Academies to continue to support teachers in implementing the Connecticut Core Standards (*continental breakfast and lunch are provided at all workshops*):

1. **CT Core Standards: Cooperating Teachers Summer Academy on July 16 and 17**

**When and where: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Farmington Marriott**

This two-day Academy will offer a variety of breakout sessions on the newest information about the Connecticut Core Standards and teaching and learning, specifically as they relate to the role of a cooperating teacher. Participants will have an opportunity to network with other cooperating teachers from around the state. Please click [here](#) for more information.

2. **CT Core Standards: Novice Teachers Summer Academy on July 22 and 23**

**When and where: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Farmington Marriott**

This two-day Summer Academy is specifically designed to help novice teachers (with 1-3 years of experience) successfully implement the Connecticut Core Standards. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of breakout sessions. More information on this Academy can be found [here](#).

3. **TeachFest Connecticut: Summer Academy on July 29**

**When and where: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, CT**

TeachFest is a day-long, hands-on workshop for K-12 teachers focused on creating exciting and useful resources to help put the Connecticut Core Standards into practice. Participants will collaborate with colleagues, the [Connecticut Dream Team](#) teachers, and LearnZillion coaches during TeachFest, and will continue their learning for two weeks through an online professional learning community. The CSDE will share the finalized work widely across the state. Attendees who complete a final, shared product will receive a \$200 stipend. Principals and superintendents are also welcome to join TeachFest for an administrator-focused track. Please click [here](#) for more information.

4. **PLUG IN to Teaching: New to the Profession Teachers on August 7**

**When and where: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Farmington Marriott**

This one-day conference is specifically designed to support newly-hired teachers who are just entering the profession. Participants will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of breakout sessions targeted to the unique needs of newly-hired teachers as they implement the instructional expectations of the Connecticut Core Standards. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Teachers and administrators can register for any of the Connecticut Core Standards sessions by going to the [CREC Registration website](#) and register for TeachFest at the [TeachFest registration website](#). Further information on any of these professional development opportunities is available on the Professional Development Opportunities page on [CTCoreStandards.org](#) or by contacting Jennifer Webb at [Jennifer.webb@ct.gov](mailto:Jennifer.webb@ct.gov) 860-713-6754.