



Connecticut Commission for Educational Technology March 2021 Executive Director's Report

2020 Annual Report

- Reflects cross-agency and statewide action in a year of unprecedented progress and challenges in digital learning (www.bit.ly/2020_CET_Report)
- Highlights cost savings and direct benefits to students, educators, and leaders
- Sent to General Assembly, State agencies, and State Board of Education
- Encourage sharing with appointing offices and organizations as well as stakeholder groups

Everybody Learns Initiative

- Final device delivery, meeting demand to equip all students through purchase of 142,000 computers through State and philanthropic investments
- Continued progress in getting students online through State-sponsored cable broadband and cellular connections
- Report (www.bit.ly/CET_Home_Broadband) includes estimated current access levels, challenges in connecting students, and family support initiatives
- Next phase to support local and community outreach programs

Open Education Resources

- Enables the creation, curation, and sharing of digital learning materials across schools, colleges, and libraries
- Design and planning in partnership with Commission members and stakeholder groups (State Department of Education, State Colleges and Universities, etc.)
- Expected beta of GoOpenCT.org in late spring, full site launch fall 2021

Technology Efficacy and Use

- Campaign to encourage district software library curation and peer-to-peer sharing on costs, efficacy, and sustainability
- Spring enhancements to enable application drill-down and analysis

Education Technology Policy Briefs

- [Compendium](#) from digital learning leadership organizations on E-rate, education "Title" funds, homework gap, data privacy, and pandemic relief funding
- Background on topics as well as recommendations for federal lawmakers