Connecticut Commission for Educational Technology
March 2022 Executive Director's Report

Technology Planning and Sustainability

- Statewide cohort of K – 12 districts to develop strategic technology plans using the Future Ready Schools (FRS) framework (www.FutureReady.org), customized for Connecticut schools and facilitated by FRS Director of Innovation Tom Murray
- Commitment by March 11, May kickoff, summer development and work sessions, and November convening
- Likely 2022 cohort size of 10 – 15 districts, with five enrolled already and interest in a 2023 cohort

Data Privacy Compliance

- Release February 22 of guidance at www.bit.ly/CT-SDP in the form of frequently asked questions and presentation to streamline compliance with Connecticut data privacy law for schools and educational technology providers
- Developed in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General and input from the State Department of Education
- Takeaways: Signing Commission's Data Privacy Pledge constitutes compliance, penalties for non-compliance, clarification of key statute terms, and application of state contracts (e.g., those covering researchIT services) for school use

Open Education Resources Pilots

- Outreach and guidance to support school districts and universities in summer curriculum development using authoring and collaboration tools offered through www.GoOpenCT.org
- Encourages collaboration within and across institutions, publication statewide for use of lessons, units, and courses in the fall of 2022

Remote Learning Standards

- Standards for grades 9 – 12 provide guidance on educator and district responsibilities in the development of online learning pedagogy and supports
- Developed by the State Department of Education based on local and national benchmarks and with input from members of the Remote Learning Commission
- Part of Remote Learning Commission's charge (PA 21-2) to assess the impact of remote learning, develop standards, and provide recommendations on a statewide remote learning school