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SUBJECT: Temporary Waiver of C.G.S. Section 10-151b: Educator Evaluation Requirements

In accordance with Governor Ned Lamont's Executive Order 7C, and due to extended class cancellations during the COVID 19 Pandemic, I am providing guidance for the evaluation and support of certified teachers and administrators regarding *Connecticut's Guidelines for Educator Evaluation 2017*, effective immediately for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

It is important to remember that the primary goal of the educator evaluation and support system is to strengthen individual and collective practices so as to increase student learning and development. To the extent possible, I encourage educators to continue collaborative dialogue around teaching and learning as we continue to serve our Connecticut students.

As such, effective immediately, ***all components of the Educator Evaluation and Support Plan (EESP) are waived.*** Opportunities for professional learning and career development can and should continue to the greatest extent possible.

Additional information will be forthcoming regarding district Professional Development and Evaluation Committees (PDECs), the submission of EESP Amendment requests for the 2020-2021 school year, and the EESP Checklist.

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