

## September 2019 – Executive Director’s Report

### Open Education Resources (OER)

- Launch of GoOpenCT.org in May
- Testimonial videos, resources, and survey to K – 12 and higher education regarding attitudes, applications, resources to share, and needs around OER
- Preliminary results (details attached) even between K – 12 and higher education, OER enthusiasts and newcomers, quality a top concern, half of respondents willing to share learning materials
- Alignment with OHE’s OER Coordinating Council

### Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR)

- Discussion August 19 around efficiencies and delivery of services
- Education focus included OER, privacy and security, software licensing, digital equity, and E-rate maximization
- Ongoing commitment to work with municipalities and other entities to explore opportunities for efficiencies and cost savings

### Advocacy and Endorsements

- July 26: Comments to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) re. notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on cap and combine of E-rate and Rural Broadband programs
- August 7: Endorsement of ReadyCT’s development with Newtown Public Schools of model CS curriculum
- August 16: Endorsement of the Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST) to continue operating the National Center for Accessible Educational Materials (AEM Center)
- August 30: Comments to Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) re. changes to eligibility criteria for the Public, Educational, and Governmental Programming and Educational Technology Investment Account (PEGPETIA) grant program

### Data Privacy

- Collecting and sharing to Connecticut Open Data Portal (Data.CT.gov) all district-submitted data on the use of IEP and 504 exemption (PA 18-125)
- Success in compliance discussions among Commission, DAS counsel, and Adobe; ongoing compliance support with larger operators

### CEN Highlighted in State Educational Technology Directors Association Broadband Study

- Network spotlight and case study in SETDA’s landscape study on broadband leadership and operational best practices (see attached)
- Ryan Kocsondy guest speaker highlighting CEN and Connecticut districts in Webinar to state leaders April 9