

September 2020 Executive Director's Report

Everybody Learns Initiative

- Addresses the K – 12 digital divide, escalated with the expansion of blended and remote learning to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (see [press release](#))
- Coordinated through Office of the Governor with Department of Education, Commission for Educational Technology, CEN, Economic and Community Development, Office of Consumer Counsel, and Internet2
- \$43.5M Investment in 80,000+ devices, 12,000+ mobile hotspots, and estimated 40,000 cable broadband connections (five carriers) for students
- 250 public hotspots through CEN connections at libraries statewide
- Public outreach campaign and supports via portal.ct.gov/GetOnline

Open Education Resources

- Next phase of "Go Open CT" (<https://www.goopenct.org>) launched in 2019
- Steering committee design and planning work this fall, goal of spring 2021 launch
- Searchable site ("repository") to support educators' creation and use of standards-aligned, high-quality learning materials (e.g., lesson plans, unit plans, videos, textbooks, tests, etc.)
- Funded via PEGPETIA grant program and Department of Education (CARES Act)
- Letters of endorsement and pledges to contribute from CABE, CAPSS, RESC Alliance, State Education Resource Center (SERC), and districts
- Alignment with Office of Higher Education's OER Coordinating Counsel and national Go Open network (tech.ed.gov/open)
- Provides platform for future shared content stores, such as African American and Latino Studies curriculum (PA 19-12)

Technology Efficacy and Use

- Expansion of LearnPlatform to provide drill-down into educational technology use and effectiveness
- Allows for insights into statewide and district-level purchasing trends and opportunities for cost savings
- Provides for district insights into software use and return on investment
- Ongoing support for state data privacy requirements through Executive Order 71
- Design and planning work fall 2020, deployment early 2021