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TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Theodore S. Sergi, Commissioner of Education 

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SUBJECT: Celebration of Excellence Applications – Due May 3, 2002

Celebration of Excellence is a recognition program for accomplished teachers who continually demonstrate high expectations for our students and themselves. It has been an excellent example of a public/private partnership honoring teachers. Thanks to SBC/SNET, Pfizer and the Center for School Change for contributing to the program over the past years.

Celebration of Excellence is in its 17th year. To date, Celebration of Excellence has recognized 1,571 teachers and 986 projects that engage students in standards-based learning and academic achievement.

I urge you to promote this exemplary program to teachers in your district as professional development and recognition that counts. This is an outstanding professional opportunity for Connecticut's teachers to be recognized for their tireless and innovative efforts to excite, involve and motivate their students to become all they are capable of being.

This year Celebration of Excellence projects will also incorporate a learning task with classroom performance. This will enable exemplary teachers to share with colleagues across Connecticut their best practices for assessing students via [www.ctcurriculum.org](http://www.ctcurriculum.org)

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Attachment – Celebration of Excellence application