




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Dianna R. Wentzell, Commissioner of Education 

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SUBJECT: Connecticut ESSA Stakeholder Survey

In December of 2015, President Obama signed into law the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The title of the reauthorized legislation, which replaces the No Child Left Behind Act, is the **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**. The passage of the ESSA provides a much anticipated opportunity to improve outcomes for all students.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that states develop and submit a consolidated state plan to the U.S. Department of Education. In our commitment to obtain feedback from a diverse group of stakeholders and ensure that Connecticut's ESSA state plan is rooted in the day-to-day needs of educators, students, and communities, we have developed the **Connecticut ESSA Stakeholder Survey**. This survey is designed to gather feedback from interested members of the public regarding key policy questions concerning Connecticut's transition to the ESSA and enable us to better understand stakeholder priorities. Input received will be captured and considered as the State Department of Education drafts Connecticut's state plan to implement the new law. To access the survey, please click [here](#). We encourage you to share this survey link with friends, neighbors, colleagues, and others in your community. The survey is also available on our SDE home page under QuickLinks and on our Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Resources page.

In addition, our ESSA Resources page has a variety of tools and resources so visitors can learn more about the content of the new law – what's new, what's different, and what may change in how we approach and deliver education. The CSDE is pleased to offer this ESSA Resources page as a way to streamline your search for information on this newest version of our education law. You can access the page directly by clicking [here](#).

We value your feedback and look forward to continuing the conversation about how we can ensure every Connecticut student has access to a high quality education that prepares them for success in college, career and life. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Webb at the Connecticut State Department of Education (860) 713-6603 or Jennifer.Webb@ct.gov.