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SUBJECT: 2016-17 Administration of the Reading Survey Requirement for K-3 Teachers

As you may know, C.G.S. 10-145r, **Survey on Reading Instruction**, requires that all elementary and early childhood teachers assigned to teach in Grades K-3 in Connecticut public schools take a reading survey *biennially*. For more detailed information about the reading survey, please refer to the designated reading survey Web page at: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2613&pm=1&Q=335450>. The first administration of the reading survey was implemented in the 2014-15 school year. Therefore, the next administration is planned for January 2016-17.

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of the following:

1. The 2016-17 administration window is planned for **January 3, 2017 through August 31, 2017**.
2. We request your appointment of a reading survey liaison for the 2016-17 administration. This liaison to your school district will receive all future communications and data related to the reading survey administration. Please **e-mail the name, title and e-mail address** of your designated liaison to: reading.survey@ct.gov.

In November 2016, we plan to initiate posting preliminary lists of teachers, who will be required to take the reading survey starting in January 2017, to the Connecticut State Department of Education secure portal for the reading survey. At that point we ask that your reading survey liaison review these preliminary lists for accuracy before we issue authorization codes to each individual teacher who will be completing the reading survey.

Thank you for your support and assistance with this initiative. We look forward to working with you to ensure a smooth administration of the reading survey. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Melissa Wlodarczyk Hickey, Reading/Literacy Director, at 860-713-6680.

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