TO: Superintendents of Schools
    Directors of Endowed and Incorporated Academies
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    Directors of Public Charter and Magnet Schools
    Directors of Approved Private Special Education Facilities

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SUBJECT: 2020–21 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. In response to schools and districts expressing the need to focus on reopening schools, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has adjusted the timeline for the legislatively mandated Survey on Reading Instruction from August 1, 2020, to December 1, 2020.

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

1. The 2020–21 administration window is planned for December 1, 2020, through May 14, 2021.
2. We request your appointment of a reading survey liaison for the 2020–21 administration by November 1, 2020. 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 2020, we plan to initiate posting preliminary lists of teachers, who will be required to take the reading survey starting December 1, 2020, to the CSDE 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 me via e-mail or at 860-713-6852.

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