

CT Guidelines 2023 and Professional Development and Evaluation Committee Frequently Asked Questions December 2023

Q: Where can I find a copy of the CT Guidelines for Educator and Leader Evaluation and Support 2023?

A: The new <u>CT Guidelines 2023</u> are available on the <u>EES Council webpage</u>.

Q: Where can I go for training on the new Guidelines?

A: All training dates are posted on the <u>EES Council webpage</u>. Your local <u>Regional Educational Service Center (RESC)</u> will post additional training opportunities and can customize professional learning to the needs of your district.

Q: Is the state providing technical assistance so districts may customize support to their unique needs?

A: Yes, a Technical Assistance Application process is being developed to assist districts in preparing to implement the CT Guidelines 2023, and will be made available for districts to apply for assistance which will be provided through the highly skilled RESC Alliance and CAS Consultants.

Q: How can PDEC's best utilize their PDEC meeting time to ensure a new evaluation and support plan is developed with consensus and ready for implementation and roll out for the fall of 2024?

A: A recommended schedule of meeting topics, activities and actions has been created based on the activities from the SDE trainings which serve as a resource for districts to bring back to their PDEC Committees <u>Suggested Work Flow</u>. The recommended timeline is based on 60-120 minute meetings per month.

Q: Do we need to submit a professional learning plan along with the evaluation plan?

A: While you are not required to submit a professional learning plan at this time, best practice ensures your evaluation and support plan is intentionally supported through a strong vision and shared decision making in your professional learning plan.

Q: Is there a "State Model Plan" for PDECs to consider when developing their own Evaluation and Support Plan?

A: The CT Guidelines 2023 and PDEC guidance documents provide the framework for districts to develop plans to meet the basic requirements as well as to innovate and develop visionary, transformational plans aligned to the CT Guidelines 2023. Two versions of a model are under development with the goal of recommending to the State Board of Education (SBE) for approval in February, 2024, with anticipated release to districts following SBE approval.

Q: What are the requirements and timeline for a district PDEC to submit a plan to SDE? A: Districts must submit their evaluation and support plan for SDE approval (alignment to the CT Guidelines 2023) prior to the start of the 2024-2025 school year. Additional information will be available in Spring 2024.

Q: Can our PDEC work on updates to educator & leader evaluation and professional development over the course of multiple years, or must all updates be completed by June 2024?

A: The transformational shifts of a district's educator & leader evaluation framework along with their professional learning plan may be a multiyear process. PDECs must submit a plan that represents, at minimum, the non-negotiables in the CT Guidelines start of the 24 25 school year. The implementation of recommended visionary practices may be the ongoing development of the PDEC's.

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