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Connecticut State Department of Education Seeks Public Input on Draft of Every Student Succeeds Act Plan

(HARTFORD, CT) — Commissioner of Education Dianna R. Wentzell today released a draft of Connecticut’s Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consolidated State Plan for public comment. The plan is posted on the State Department of Education’s ESSA webpage along with a [survey through which the public may provide feedback](#). The survey will be available until Feb. 27, 2017.

The state plan for ESSA was developed following an extensive and comprehensive process consisting of focus groups, an online survey, and the Commissioner’s Equity and Excellence Tour that launched last fall. Over 450 parents, teachers, students, and other education stakeholders participated in the focus groups and the survey garnered nearly 7,000 responses.

“For the past year, we have been working hard to create a state plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act that reflects Connecticut’s collective vision for equity and excellence in education for all students,” said Commissioner Wentzell. “We have engaged with communities across the state, and this plan reflects the diversity of stakeholders’ hopes, dreams, and aspirations for our children. Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us and we encourage everyone to participate in the public comment survey.”

Following the public comment period, feedback will be synthesized and incorporated into the final draft of the ESSA plan. The target date for submission of the final plan is April 3, 2017.

Signed into law in December of 2015, the Every Student Succeeds Act is grounded in the concept of equity and the promise of an excellent, well-rounded education for every student regardless of race, color, national origin, family income, citizenship, or disability status. To achieve this, the law gives states the flexibility they need to innovate, while simultaneously holding them accountable for student outcomes.

The survey, the plan, and more are posted on the [State Department of Education’s ESSA resources page](#).

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