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Mr. Bryan Williams
U.S. Department of Education
Room 3C152
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-6450

Re: Grant Number 84.184F: School Climate Transformation Program

Dear Mr. Williams:

I write in support of the School Climate Transformation Program grant application submitted by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) to the U.S. Department of Education.

This project will significantly increase the amount and quality of support to Connecticut students, educators and family/community members through the development and enhancement of positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) across our state. The goals of this proposal involve improving the behavioral health of our students to support their growth and development, enhance their ability to learn, and create innovative teaching and learning environments for Connecticut's children.

The proposal is designed to build capacity to develop, enhance and expand Connecticut's Statewide Systems of Support to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools. The Multi-Tiered Behavioral Frameworks (MTBF) provide guidance for the selection, integration and implementation of the best evidence-based practices for improving school climate and behavioral outcomes for all students. Part of this proposal includes creating and maintaining positive school climates, improving school safety and improving the availability and access to mental health resources.

I support CSDE's School Climate Transformation Program grant application. This strong commitment is shared and supported by the Department of Mental Health and Addition Services, University of Connecticut – Center for Behavioral Educational Research and local education agencies. Collectively, we can use this opportunity to build capacity for supporting the sustained and broad-scale implementation of a multi-tiered behavioral framework to support student emotional and mental health, academic achievement and overall success.

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Thank you for your consideration of Connecticut's application to the School Climate Transformation Program.

Sincerely,

Dannel P. Malloy
Governor

cc: Connecticut Congressional Delegation