

## December 2019 Executive Director's Report

### Proposed Changes to Statute

- Intent to increase representation of the K – 12 community, who most directly support students, the Commission's main beneficiaries
- Planning call on October 1, Special Meeting October 23
- Unanimous adoption of recommendations to add one (1) representative each from CAPSS, CECA, CEA (secondary teacher), and AFT (elementary teacher)

### Open Education Resources (OER)

- Publication of "Open Education Resources: Survey Results and Opportunities for Connecticut Schools and Universities" ([bit.ly/OERinCT](https://bit.ly/OERinCT))
- Promise: Strong diversity of responses; 72 percent create and 86 percent share OER; perceived benefits in cost savings, flexibility, and quality
- Needs: Training and support in finding, creating, curating, and licensing
- Opportunities: Demonstrated use of and interest in OER
- Next Steps: Pilot cohort, alignment with CAPSS, RESCs, and other groups

### Advocacy

- Universal Service Rule-Making (July 29 Commission Filing with FCC)
- Changes to PEGPETIA Eligibility (August 30 Commission Comments to PURA)
- Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST) award to operate National Center for Accessible Educational Materials (AEM Center) (August 16 Commission Endorsement)
- Model CS curriculum between ReadyCT and Newtown Public Schools (August 8 Commission Endorsement)

### Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband (SHLB) Coalition

- Doug Casey to join Board of Directors
- National advocacy position for anchor institutions

### PEGPETIA Grant

- Intent to file proposals to support statewide educational technology initiatives
- PURA guidance from November 20 aligns with Commission statute and plan

### Commission and Network Promotion and Awareness

- CEN highlighted in State Educational Technology Directors Association "Broadband Imperative III"
- Doug Casey presented to Congressional staff, broadband advocates, and press November 6; Law360 article that day highlighting CEN in addressing equity
- Education Super Highway State of the States Report and Video touting the safe, scalable connectivity that CEN provides to schools in support of digital learning