

Connecticut Commission for Educational Technology September 2022 Executive Director's Report

Future Ready Schools

- <u>Framework</u> to Support Strategic Use of Technology: Curriculum, Instruction, Privacy, Professional Development, Community Engagement, Infrastructure, Budgeting, and Resources
- Total of 14 Districts Participating in Cohort Driven by Demand
- In-Person and Virtual Working Groups to Address Each Focus Area
- Ties to National Community of Practice to Support Ongoing Improvements
- Likely 2023 Cohort of Interested School Districts

SETDA State Trends Report

- Helpful Resource to Gauge Commission and State-Level Priorities: https://www.setda.org/priorities/state-trends/
- Ties Technology Access and Effective Use to Broader Education Needs of Teacher Supports, Learning Loss, Social Emotional Learning, and Mental Health
- Highlights Commission's Structure and Priorities (<u>June 2022 Resolution</u>)

Digital Equity Program

- Commission Serving as State Lead, with Funding through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (www.InternetforAll.gov)
- Goal of Identifying and Addressing Availability, Affordability, Adoption, and Effective Use of Technology, Especially Among <u>Covered Populations</u>
- Closely Tied to <u>Broadband Equity</u>, <u>Access</u>, <u>and Deployment</u> (BEAD) Program
- Expected Planning Funds Late September to Support Year-Long Development of State Digital Equity Plan: Communications, Public Input, Research on Barriers to Adoption, and Plan Development
- Commission Hiring Digital Equity Program Manager (Closing September 16)
- Save the Date: Digital Equity Summit Wednesday, October 26 in Hartford
- Input on Planning Process and Review Welcome by All Commission Members