

Connecticut Commission for Educational Technology December 2023 Executive Director's Report

Annual Report

- Updates to Office of the Governor, General Assembly, and general public regarding goals in State Educational Technology Plan
- Highlights and feedback from members of the Commission welcome
- 2023 Annual Report expected January 2024

Artificial Intelligence in Education

- Priority for 2024 28 Strategic Plan (instruction, privacy, workforce preparation)
- Half-day conference December 11 at CCSU: Understanding AI and Its Impact on K – 12 Education
- Dan Fitzpatrick and Mary Strain keynotes; breakouts by role (administrators, educators, special education, technology, operations)
- CTETL (CT CoSN chapter) lead with support from professional affinity groups (CABE, CAPSS, CAS, CASBO, CASL, ConnCASE, RESCs)

Data Privacy Exemption Report

- Longitudinal data sets (2018 2023) available for public review at data.ct.gov
- Supports district reporting requirement on use of software as part of IEP or 504 plans, defined in <u>Public Act 18-125</u>

Digital Equity

- Planning Phase (\$736K) to develop State Digital Equity Plan that addresses barriers to technology availability, adoption, and use
- Baseline of digital equity in Connecticut and initiatives to address gaps
- Draft plan completed and in production with graphic design partner
- Public comment ~Tuesday, December 19 through Monday, January 18 (30 days)
- In-person and virtual events to capture suggestions for improvement
- Revised plan to NTIA February 13, final plan due March 27
- Five-year funding award (\$~17M) expected fall 2024
- Action Items
 - o See schedule and feedback forms late December at CT.gov/DigitalEquity
 - Promote public comment period and events among peer networks
 - Provide direct input and recommendations
 - Questions and feedback to DigitalEquity@CT.gov