

Connecticut Commission for Educational Technology March 2024 Executive Director's Report

2023 Annual Report

- Highlights impact across digital learning, infrastructure, and privacy
- Underscores new strategic plan and state digital equity plan alignment
- <u>UNESCO</u> and <u>US Department of Education</u> acknowledgements
- Includes cost avoidance and impact of CEN and Connecticut State Library
- Available for review and sharing at <u>www.CT.gov/EdTech</u> ("Publications" link)

2024 – 28 State Education Technology Plan

- New and continuing efforts across five focus areas:
 - Technology-Enabled Learning
 - o Digital Equity
 - Competencies
 - o Sustainability
 - Data Privacy and Security
- <u>Full plan</u> and <u>Web pages</u> underscore alignment with state <u>Digital Equity Plan</u> as well as US Department of Education's <u>National Education Technology Plan</u>

2024 Legislative Session (CGA.CT.GOV)

Commission testimony (written and in-person) on the following bills:

- <u>Senate Bill 2</u>: An Act Concerning Artificial Intelligence
 - o Creates Al Advisory Council
 - Protections against deceptive advertising and election influence
 - Workforce training and certificate programs in generative AI
 - Promotes access to broadband
- <u>Senate Bill 3</u>: An Act Concerning Consumer Protection
 - Ensures a low-cost option (\$40)
 - Funding to support outreach to unserved groups and communities
 - o Telephone hotline to assist residents in service signup
 - Net neutrality and streaming provisions
 - Alignment with Digital Equity Plan (broadband affordability and outreach)