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Under Keith's leadership, the Office strives to create innovative approaches to ensure that today's students are prepared to become tomorrow's workforce. Keith and his staff offer guidance, assistance and innovative ideas to support local districts in their efforts to make the best use of limited resources in order to provide important new educational approaches and programs. As part of the portfolio of educational opportunities for Connecticut students, he is responsible for the Open Choice and Interdistrict Magnet School programs.

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