## **Dear Prospective Dance Teacher:**

This is in response to your inquiry regarding dance teaching positions in the state of Connecticut. If you have studied at a Connecticut university, your university placement service is usually a helpful source for job openings.

One important on-line source of job information is Connecticut Regional Applicant and Placement Program (<u>CTREAP</u>). Another source of openings is the <u>Connecticut Education</u> <u>Association</u>, which posts openings to the Internet. Another way for you to learn of positions is to send inquiries directly to school districts. You can obtain a copy of the most current list of school districts and district administrators by calling our Public Information office at (860) 713-6543 or checking our web site at http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2604&Q=322336.

An alternate way to learn of openings is to consult the classified ads in Connecticut's largest newspaper, <u>The Hartford Courant</u>, particularly the Sunday edition. If this paper is not available in your local library, call the Courant at (860) 525-5555.

For further information about certification:

CT State Department of Education Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 503 Hartford, CT 06103 E-Mail: <u>teacher.cert@ct.gov</u> 860-713-6969 (12-4 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)

Connecticut is a scenic state, with a tradition of outstanding public schools. The state is a national leader in educational improvement, resulting in the nation's highest scores in areas such as reading, writing, mathematics and science. *Teacher salaries in Connecticut are the highest in the country*, and many districts give applicants credit for prior teaching experience. The state boasts an unusual number of cultural and recreational opportunities, and there are many more in nearby locations such as Boston, Tanglewood, and New York City.

Best wishes as you pursue your interest in teaching here.