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**To**: State Board of Education

**From**: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner of Education

**Date**: June 1, 2022

**Subject**: Recognition of GED Scholar Award Winner

### **Executive Summary**

#### Introduction

As stipulated in Section 10-5(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the tests of General Educational Development (GED®) are the approved examination for earning a Connecticut State High School Diploma. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) annually honors the individual(s) who attained the highest score on the GED® tests during the previous calendar year.

## History/Background

Connecticut's GED® testing program provides an opportunity for youth and adults not enrolled in school to obtain their high school diploma. Since 1971, it is estimated that more than 162,000 Connecticut residents have earned a State High School Diploma through successful completion of the GED® tests. Currently, the GED® tests are offered at 23 test centers across Connecticut.

### **Recommendation and Justification**

The CSDE recommends that the State Board of Education recognize Hongrui Guo as the GED® Scholar for 2021. He earned a total score of 753 out of a possible 800, which was the highest score attained in Connecticut during 2021.

Mr. Guo's achievement brings honor to him, the State Board of Education and the State of Connecticut. I am pleased to recommend him for recognition as the GED® Scholar for 2021.

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