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## CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HARTFORD

### **TO BE PROPOSED:**

June 2, 2021

RESOLVED: That the State Board of Education receives the 2019-2020 Annual Report of the Connecticut Advisory Council for Administrator Professional Standards, submitted in accordance with the requirements of subsection (e) of Section 10-144e of the Connecticut General Statutes, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ this second day of June, Two Thousand Twenty One.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charlene M. Russell Tucker, Secretary  
State Board of Education

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**TO:** State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Acting Commissioner of Education  
**DATE:** June 2, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** 2019-2020 Annual Report from the Connecticut Advisory Council for Administrator Professional Standards

Attached, you will find a copy of the 2019-2020 Annual Report from the Connecticut Advisory Council for Administrator Professional Standards, submitted in accordance with the requirements of subsection (e) of Section 10-144e of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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Connecticut Advisory Council For  
Administrator Professional Standards

June 2, 2021

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Subject: 2020 Annual Report of the Connecticut Advisory Council for Administrator Professional Standards

**History/Background**

The Council was established to (1) advise the State Board of Education (SBE), the Governor and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education concerning administrator preparation, training, certification, professional development, assessment and evaluation, and professional discipline; (2) review and comment upon all regulations and other standards concerning the approval of administrator preparation programs and administrator certification; (3) report to the SBE, the Governor and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly annually on its activities and recommendations, if any, concerning the condition of the school administrator profession; and (4) develop a code of professional responsibility for school administrators not later than September 30, 1993.

**Council Charge**

The Connecticut Advisory Council for Administrator Professional Standards addresses timely and relevant educational issues at the depth necessary to contribute meaningfully to educational improvement. The aim of the Council is to investigate key issues thoroughly, develop substantive policy recommendations and bring greater visibility to critical matters. The Council focuses annually on one or two major issues affecting school and district leadership and makes recommendations to the SBE, as appropriate.

**Issues of Focus for 2019-2020**

A primary focus for the 2019-2020 was the recruitment of members and rebuilding of the Council. It has been difficult to recruit new members to replace outgoing members. The Council was able to recruit members representing Connecticut Association of Schools as well as CFSA for the March meeting. However, appointments from the Governor, House Speaker, House Minority Leader, Senate Majority Leader, Senate Pro Tem and SBE remain vacant.

Council members discussed the difficulty administrators have in leaving their buildings and decided to change meetings by reducing the number of in-person meetings to two a year and virtual meetings to two a year. A platform such as Zoom Meeting for virtual meetings is a possibility.

### **Summary of Council Meetings**

For 2019-2020 two meetings were held. January 30, 2020 and March 9, 2020. The annual joint meeting with the Connecticut Advisory Council for Teacher Professional Standards scheduled for May 15, 2020 was canceled due to COVID-19.

January 30, 2020 meeting focused on recruitment. Chairperson, Victoria Reed, requested appointments via mail to all elected officials. In addition, requests for appointments from the Connecticut Association of Schools and Connecticut Federation of School Administrators were also made. Members discussed in-person versus virtual meetings and agreed upon two in-person and two virtual meetings. Ms. Kim Wachtelhausen provided the date and location of the May 15 joint meeting with the teacher council.

The March 9, 2020 meeting welcomed new members from the Connecticut Federation of School Administrators as well as new members from the Connecticut Association of Schools. Committee members reviewed the history/background of the council as well as the council's charge. Members, in looking ahead to the 2020-2021 academic year, discussed a range of potential topics. Items discussed included mentors for principals new to the field and the principal pipeline. Ms. Kim Wachtelhausen shared that Dr. Miguel Cardona, Commissioner of Education would be in attendance at the joint meeting. A Google document was shared with committee members to list questions to be asked of the Commissioner. Dates for future meetings were to be established at the May 15 meeting.

### **Council Planning for 2020-2021**

During the 2020-2021 academic year, the Council plans to further investigate mentors for new principals as well as the principal pipeline.

This annual report is provided to the SBE in accordance with the legislation that has established the Council, so that the SBE may be apprised of its activities and the educational issues that are important to the Council members. The Council will update the SBE on its activities on an annual basis.