

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

**TO BE PROPOSED:
June 3, 2015**

WHEREAS, Lauren Atkinson, a resident of Harwinton, has demonstrated exceptional skill and proficiency in the four subject areas of the high school equivalency examination by attaining a score of 760 on the General Educational Development Tests in 2014; and

WHEREAS, She is the Connecticut resident with the highest score on the examination; and

WHEREAS, She has brought honor to herself, to the State Board of Education and the State of Connecticut; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Lauren Atkinson with great appreciation for her accomplishment in a major adult education endeavor and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of _____ this third day of June, Two Thousand Fifteen.

Signed: _____
Dianna R. Wentzell, Secretary
State Board of Education

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TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Dianna R. Wentzell, Commissioner of Education
DATE: June 3, 2015
SUBJECT: Recognition of General Educational Development Scholar

Executive Summary

Introduction

The Tests of General Educational Development (GED) are the approved examination for earning a Connecticut State High School Diploma as stipulated in Section 10-5(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Connecticut State Department of Education annually honors the individual 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 diplomas. It is estimated that since 1971 more than 162,000 Connecticut residents have earned a State High School Diploma through passage of the GED Tests. The GED Tests are offered currently at 23 test centers across Connecticut.

Recommendation and Justification

I am recommending that the State Board of Education recognize Lauren Atkinson as the GED Scholar for 2014. Ms. Atkinson earned a total score of 760 out of a possible 800, which was the highest score attained in Connecticut during 2014. Ms. Atkinson stated that she is "honored and proud to be receiving this distinction."

Ms. Atkinson's achievement brings honor to her, the State Board of Education and the State of Connecticut. I am pleased to recommend her for recognition as the GED Scholar for 2014.

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