

**Connecticut State Board of Education  
Hartford**

**To Be Proposed:  
June 5, 2024**

**Whereas,** Justin Stevens of Enfield has demonstrated exceptional skill and proficiency in the four subject areas of the high school equivalency examination by attaining a total score of 775 on the GED® tests in 2023; and

**Whereas,** he is the Connecticut resident with the highest total score on the GED® tests; and

**Whereas,** he has brought honor to himself, to the State Board of Education, and the State of Connecticut; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** that the Connecticut State Board of Education honors Justin Stevens with great appreciation for his accomplishments in a major adult education endeavor and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ this fifth day of June, Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

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

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**To:** State Board of Education  
**From:** Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner of Education  
**Date:** June 5, 2024  
**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<sup>®</sup>) are the approved examinations for earning a Connecticut State High School Diploma. The Connecticut State Department of Education annually honors the individual(s) who attained the highest score on the GED<sup>®</sup> tests during the previous calendar year.

**History/Background**

Connecticut's GED<sup>®</sup> 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 the successful completion of the GED<sup>®</sup> tests. Currently, the GED<sup>®</sup> tests are offered at 23 test centers across Connecticut.

**Recommendation and Justification**

I recommend that the State Board of Education recognize Justin Stevens as the GED<sup>®</sup> Scholar for 2023. He earned a total score of 775, out of a possible 800, which was the highest score attained in Connecticut during 2023.

Mr. Stevens' 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<sup>®</sup> Scholar for 2023.

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