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TO: Superintendents of Schools

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SUBJECT: Launch of Early Indication Tool for Grades 1 to 6

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is pleased to announce the launch of the Early Indication Tool (EIT). The new EIT report is now available through EdSight Secure. This tool uses statistical methods to identify clusters of students who may be at-risk of missing milestones and/or dropping out. The primary purpose of this tool is to allow for timely student interventions by district/school staff with the ultimate goal of improving student engagement and outcomes. The EIT is a critical component of Connecticut's ESSA plan, especially to inform the provision of multi-tiered systems of supports to students.

The EIT report in EdSight Secure identifies a targeted support level (i.e., high, medium, or low) for a student, while also presenting demographic information and two years of attendance, behavior, mobility, and achievement data. The report allows users to apply a variety of filters to the data, create charts and cross tabs, study trends, and identify students that need additional support. Users can sort, filter, and compare information across grades and schools within a district. Additionally, the EIT report allows users to set their own criteria for the various metrics like attendance rates, disciplinary events, mobility occurrences, or achievement levels to identify particular students for targeted support. As with any EdSight Secure report, users can export the information for their own analysis.

The following documentation about the EIT is available:

- [How to Use the EIT Report](#)
- [EIT Report Glossary and Data Definitions](#)
- [Overview of the EIT – Technical Report](#)

To further assist districts to interpret and use the EIT report, the CSDE is offering two webinars on the following dates. Attendance is optional. If you choose to attend, please register for either of the following two options:

- February 14, 2018, 2:00 – 3:00 pm ([Registration Link](#))
- February 15, 2018, 1:00 – 2:00 pm ([Registration Link](#))

The launch of this report marks the culmination of more than two years of work and development by the CSDE Performance Office in partnership with the University of Connecticut. The CSDE considers the EIT to be in an experimental phase for the 2017-18 academic year. Districts are always encouraged to provide feedback about the tool, but especially

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during this experimental period so as to improve this tool for future use. The initial rollout of the EIT includes students in grades 1 to 6; grades 7 to 12 will be added later this year.

I hope this tool will assist you in identifying students in need of targeted support, and helping more students to reach important academic milestones and ultimately graduate from high school, ready for college and/or career.

If you have any questions about the EIT report, please email the EdSight helpdesk at edsight.sde@ct.gov.

Thank you.