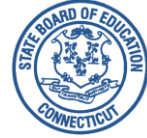




STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Announcing New Attendance and Engagement District Supports!

Attendance and Engagement Community of Practice

On January 20th, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE), in partnership with SERC, will kick-off its **Attendance and Engagement Community of Practice (CoP)**. This CoP is modeled after other successful CoPs offered by the Department and will provide districts monthly opportunities to discuss problems of practice and share solutions regarding student attendance and engagement for both in-person and remote learning models.

The first CoP will focus on the topic of Data Tracking and Monitoring with Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Chief Performance Officer, presenting. Districts will have an opportunity to share successes and challenges with other districts and provide input into topics and agendas for future CoPs.

2020-21 Schedule: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., on January 20, 2021; February 17, 2021; March 17, 2021, and May 5, 2021.

Audience: All districts are invited to participate in the Attendance and Engagement CoP. Invitations to register for these events will be done through the new Attendance and Engagement Contact list in Contacts Manager. See additional information below.

Attendance and Engagement Contact List

The CSDE is pleased to announce the new **Attendance and Engagement Contact List** in the [CSDE Contacts Manager](#). The Contacts Manager will now offer districts an opportunity to add and update the lead contact person in districts for attendance and engagement.

The attendance and engagement contact should be the district-level person responsible for addressing issues related to chronic absence, attendance, and engagement. This individual may lead the District Attendance Team, support School Attendance Teams and oversee attendance staff as well other tasks related to student attendance.

The contact list will be used to inform districts on new guidance, research, promising practices, and events targeted specifically for district attendance leads. The individual identified in this contact list will be responsible for the sharing of information to the appropriate district and school staff also working on attendance and engagement.

Instructions to add/update the attendance and engagement contact:

- The person at your LEA with the Contacts Manager Writer role should log in at <http://csde.ct.gov>
- Select Contacts Manager
- Navigate to the Attendance and Engagement Contact section

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