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**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**



**TO:** Superintendent of Schools

**FROM:** Dr. Miguel A. Cardona, Commissioner of Education

**DATE:** November 19, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Computer Science Education Week

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is excited to celebrate 2020 Computer Science Education Week December 7 – 13, 2020.

Computer Science Education Week is held annually in recognition of the birthday of computing pioneer Admiral Grace Murray Hopper (December 9, 1906). In support of Computer Science Education Week, CSDE has launched [CS Ed Week 2020](#) dedicated to providing information and resources to engage in computer science related activities throughout the week.

Computer Science Education Week is an annual program dedicated to inspiring K-12 students to take interest in computer science. Computer science and computational thinking are key to developing and integrating the skills necessary to prepare students for high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand careers. Providing students with an opportunity to be introduced to computer science will broaden participation in the study of computer science for all learners.

There are a variety of events scheduled to celebrate Computer Science Education Week across the state. Some of these include:

- Commitments to host Hour of Code
- Showcase of Connecticut computer science educators by ReadyCT
- Announcement of Sacred Heart University partnerships to bring computer science to elementary schools

CSDE has posted the [Computer Science PD Playlist](#) to assist in learning more about this week and computer science education in general. Begin planning now to make Computer Science Education week a memorable experience in your district and think about sharing your activities with [Learn Together and Grow Together CT](#).

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