

# Connecticut Education Forum on Literacy

## A State & National Conversation

### When

Thursday, January 25, 2024  
1–4 p.m.

### Where

Legislative Office Building, Room 2C  
300 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

### Who Should Attend

This forum is open to the public. Please join us to hear state and national leaders, as well as reading experts, as they engage in critical conversations about literacy.

### Speakers

- Charlene Russell-Tucker, Connecticut Commissioner of Education
- Darci Burns, Executive Director, HILL for Literacy
- Mike Coyne, Department Head, Educational Psychology at UConn
- Margie Gillis, President, Literacy How
- Melissa K. Wlodarczyk Hickey, Director, Center for Literacy Research and Reading Success, CSDE
- Ralph Smith, Managing Director, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading
- State legislators

### Moderator

Catherine Shen, host of CT Public's morning talk show, *Where We Live*

### Featuring highlights from *The Right to Read* documentary

*The Right to Read* follows Oakland NAACP activist, Kareem Weaver, who believes literacy is our most important civil right.



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