**TO:** Superintendents of Schools

**FROM:** Irene E. Parisi, Chief Academic Officer

**DATE:** September 9, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Announcement of Unpaid Experiential Learning Program Continuation

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE), in collaboration with the Connecticut Department of Labor (CT-DOL) is continuing the Unpaid Experiential Learning Program (UELP) for the 2024–25 school year.

The purpose of the UELP is to enable local education agencies (LEAs), individual high schools and their business and industry partners to place students in unpaid work-based learning opportunities for up to 120 hours per year. The approved UELP application is a waiver that supports LEAs’ efforts to expand and build new pathways for students, while allowing for career skill development in an authentic setting.

The CSDE hosts five (5) virtual briefing sessions. To participate in the UELP, you or your designee must attend one (1) of the five (5) briefing sessions. The sessions are:

* Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

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* Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

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* Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

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All district staff placing students in worksites must attend one (1) of the two (2) available UELP Student Safety Workshops on Thursday, September 26, 2024, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., or Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. UELP Student Safety Workshop links will be sent to participants who participated in the UELP briefing.

Should you need additional information regarding the 2024–2025 UELP please contact Harold Mackin at 860-713-6779 or Harold.Mackin@ct.gov.

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