



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner

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SUBJECT: District and School Attendance Review Teams Survey

The [EdSight Attendance Data Portal](#) now includes chronic absenteeism data for October and November 2025. To date, many districts are showing year-over-year improvement, and both months reflect the lowest statewide chronic absence rates since monthly reporting began in 2020. These early trends are encouraging and suggest districts are starting the school year with strong attendance. We encourage you to continue the focus on local strategies and partnerships that support student attendance and engagement.

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is collecting information from all districts to understand implementation, identify effective practices, and assess alignment between district and school-level attendance efforts. Responses will inform future attendance supports and targeted technical assistance.

We know that district and school attendance teams play a vital role in supporting successful student engagement, problem-solving barriers to attendance, and connecting families with needed supports. As outlined in [Connecticut General Statutes §10-198c](#), each district with a chronic absenteeism rate of 10 percent or higher, or with one or more schools that have a chronic absenteeism rate of 15 percent or higher, must establish a DART. In addition, each school with a chronic absenteeism rate of 15 percent or higher must have a SART.

To help us better understand how these teams are working across the state, we invite you to complete a brief survey about your District Attendance Review Team (DART) and any School Attendance Review Teams (SART) operating in your schools. This survey also includes questions about other district and school actions supporting consistent school attendance. Therefore, the CSDE would appreciate all districts completing the survey, regardless of the requirement to maintain DARTs or SARTs.

Access the survey here: [District and School Attendance Review Teams Survey](#)
Deadline: January 12, 2026

The survey should take about 15 minutes to complete. Thank you for taking the time to share this information and for your ongoing efforts to improve student attendance and engagement in schools statewide.

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