STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Irene E. Parisi, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: November 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Connecticut State Department of Education Curriculum Leader Fellowship

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) invites you to nominate your most promising educators for our Curriculum Teacher Leader Fellowship—a strategic initiative designed to advance educational excellence across Connecticut.

This Fellowship is designed to identify and support teacher leaders who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom and expertise in curriculum design and development. Fellows will gain access to cutting-edge pedagogical strategies and leadership practices that will reshape curriculum development. Through this experience, selected Fellows will not only enhance their own teaching practices but also emerge as curriculum innovators within their school communities. To learn more, join us for a virtual informational session on November 9, 2026, at either 1:00 pm–1:30 pm or November 10, 2026, from 1:00 pm–1:30 pm. Please RSVP to the session that is most convenient for you.

We are creating more than a professional learning program; we are building a statewide network of educational leaders who will drive innovative curriculum design across Connecticut's schools. Selected Fellows will work alongside renowned experts, collaborate with passionate peers, and gain deep expertise with the Connecticut Model Curriculum—all while developing the skills to inspire and guide systemic educational improvements. The Curriculum Leader Fellowship will consist of a series of sessions: an in-person launch, two virtual professional learning sessions, and an in-person culminating event.

The CSDE Curriculum Leader Fellowship nomination form provides an opportunity to select Fellows who will represent your district in this transformative effort to advance educational excellence. Please complete this form to nominate candidates who demonstrate leadership potential and curriculum expertise. Submit all nominations by November 16, 2026.

Let's cultivate educational leadership together.

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cc: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner of Education
Dr. Charles E. Hewes, Deputy Commissioner