

Interagency Council for Ending the Achievement Gap

Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz, Chair

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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Meeting Objectives:

- Review Connecticut's 2025–26 state assessment results and discuss key trends in student performance and achievement gaps.
- Hear from district superintendents about their assessment results, strategies, and experiences, and consider how state agencies can support continued improvement.

Agenda

I. Opening Remarks & Roll Call

The Honorable Susan Bysiewicz
Lieutenant Governor, State of Connecticut

II. Acceptance of Minutes and Follow-up from Last Meeting Discussion

- Review and approval of minutes from the previous meeting
- [September 16, 2026](#) recording on CT-N

III. Presentation and Discussion: Connecticut Student Performance on the 2025-26 State Assessments

Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Chief, Performance Office
Connecticut State Department of Education
Melissa Cooney, Superintendent, Naugatuck Public Schools
Sandra Faioes, Interim Superintendent, Norwalk Public Schools
Christopher Roche, Superintendent, Woodstock Public Schools

IV. State Agency Updates and Discussion

- Brief updates from member agencies
- Emerging issues or opportunities for interagency collaboration
- Proposed topics for the next meeting

V. Next Steps

All meetings are virtual and begin at 1 p.m.

- Tuesday, December 15

VI. Closing/Meeting Adjourned