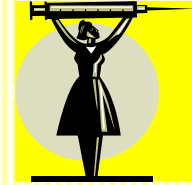




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STEFAN PRYOR NAMED COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

On September 7, 2011, the State Board of Education voted unanimously to recommend to the Governor the appointment of Stefan Pryor as the Commissioner of Education. Immediately after the Board's vote, Governor Malloy introduced Stefan Pryor as his pick for the Commissioner's post. State Board of Education Chairperson Allan B. Taylor stated, "He's gone from success to success. He's been able to marshal the resources and people to get things done very effectively."



low-performing schools, and low-cost mortgages for educators.

In the mid-1990's, Pryor served as a policy advisor to the Mayor of New Haven on issues ranging from housing and community development to education. While in New Haven, Pryor co-founded and served as the first Board President of Amistad Academy, a high-performing public charter school that now serves as the flagship for the Achievement First network of schools. Pryor served on the board of Achievement First, which has opened 20

Governor Malloy called Mr. Pryor the right candidate to move the state's educational system forward. "I steadfastly believe that all of our children deserve a quality educational experience...and I think Stefan is the right candidate to bring about all the changes to move this state in the direction of guaranteeing that success."

Mr. Pryor currently serves as Deputy Mayor for Economic Development in the City of Newark, New Jersey. He oversees economic, housing, and workforce development, as well as sustainability. He also coordinates the City's state and federal legislative agenda. Pryor serves as the Chairman of Brick City Development Corporation, Newark's economic development organization, which he helped to found.

Prior to serving as Deputy Mayor, Mr. Pryor served as President of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, which was created in the aftermath of September 11, 2001, to plan and help coordinate the physical rebuilding and economic revitalization of Lower Manhattan.

From 1998-2001, Pryor served as the Vice President for Education at the Partnership for New York City, where he led the organization's public education efforts and served as Executive Director of its main school reform program. The Partnership's work focused on attracting philanthropic funding to lower-performing NYC public school districts in order to introduce a range of innovations — including performance measurement and compensation, lead teacher programs (appointing master teachers to serve as mentors to their peers), principal signing bonuses for hard-to-staff/

academies under 10 charters in Connecticut and New York. Amistad Academy was highlighted by the U.S. Department of Education in 2007 as one of seven schools in the country that are models for closing the achievement gap.

In recent years, Pryor has collaborated with Paul Vallas (the former school superintendent of Chicago, Philadelphia, and the New Orleans Recovery School District) regarding plans for school rebuilding and reform in post-disaster Haiti. Pryor also served as an advisor to the International Rescue Committee regarding the economic recovery in Haiti.

The child of two public school teachers, Pryor received his bachelor's degree in psychology and law degree from Yale University, where he completed the Yale Teacher Preparation Program.

Mr. Pryor indicated that his first task as Commissioner will be to gather information from people around the state, including employers who have positions unfilled because the state's young people are not adequately trained for those jobs. "Here in Connecticut, there are bright spots and best practices; there are excellent schools and exemplary districts. But there are also too many places where students are not fulfilling their potential," Pryor said. "This situation merits a mandate for change. We must respond with real and sustained urgency."

Mr. Pryor will begin his work with the department in the first week of October, 2011.

Mr. Pryor's remarks following his appointment can be found at the following link: [Connecticut Network Video](#)

Special Points of Interest:

- *Stefan Pryor named Commissioner of Education*
- *Revised ED 191 Early Childhood Health Assessment Record*
- *New School Nurse Workshop - November 3 and December 6, 2011*
- *New School Nurse Supervisor Orientation - October 13, 2011*

The 2011 Fall School Nurse Supervisor Conference



September 28, 2011

Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Cromwell Connecticut

Walk-in registration
available!

September 2011 is National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month

For more information about activities, go to <http://www.healthierkidsbrighterfutures.org/> or access the toolkit at <http://www.healthierkidsbrighterfutures.org/toolkit.pdf>.



Revised ED 191 Early Childhood Health Assessment Record

State law requires complete primary immunizations and a health assessment by a legally qualified practitioner of medicine; an advanced practice registered nurse or registered nurse; a physician assistant; a school medical advisor; or a legally qualified practitioner of medicine, an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant stationed at any military base, prior to entering an early childhood program in Connecticut (Connecticut General Statutes Sections 10-204a and 10-206). The *ED 191 Early Childhood Health Assessment Record (for children ages birth to 5 years old)* is the tool utilized by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) for such purposes and has been revised as of August 2011. This revision incorporates the mandatory developmental assessments, screenings and updated immunization requirements for children in this age group.

This 3-page document is organized as follows:

- page one – Part I To be completed by parent/guardian;
- page two – Part II Medical Evaluation; and
- page three – Immunization Record.

The Revised *ED 191 Early Childhood Health Assessment Record* is available on the CSDE's Health Promotion Services/School Nurse Web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&q=320768#Forms>. Please print on yellow paper!

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Knutson at 860-807-2108 or stephanie.knutson@ct.gov.

Updated Tuberculosis Screening Guidelines for Schools

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) would like to call your attention to the July 2011, Department of Public Health (DPH) *Tuberculosis Screening Guidelines for Connecticut Schools*. These **revised** guidelines replace those published in 2005, and were developed by the DPH in collaboration with the CSDE, the Connecticut Advisory Committee for the Elimination of Tuberculosis and the School Health Committee of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. These guidelines are intended to guide local and regional boards of education, health departments and pediatricians in developing school district policies regarding tuberculosis (TB) testing requirements for students and staff, and if applicable, administering an on-site TB testing program.

The need for TB testing of students, as noted in the guidelines, is determined by local or regional boards of education; therefore, it is important to have policies outlining when a TB assessment or TB test would be deemed necessary. Further, since school districts may be involved in the administration of TB testing programs and the management of the TB results, these areas should also be addressed. It is recommended that these policies be developed with consultation from the school medical advisor, the school nurse supervisor and the local health department/district.

Finally, the guidelines include recommendations for testing of school personnel. Since TB testing is not required by state statute, many local or regional boards of education may not have guidelines or policies for testing of their staff. Consideration for requiring TB testing should be based on the recommendations in these guidelines.

These revised guidelines can also be accessed at the DPH TB Control Program's Web site at <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3136&q=431584> or on the CSDE Health Promotion/School Nurse Web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&q=320768#Publications>. For additional information, please contact the DPH TB Control Program at 860-509-1177 or CSDE's School Health Consultant, Stephanie Knutson at 860-807-2108 or stephanie.knutson@ct.gov.

Professional Development Opportunities



The Connecticut State Department of Education presents the following opportunity for school nurses

New School Nurse Workshop Parts 1 & 2

Dates	Thursday, November 3 & Tuesday, December 6, 2011	Time	8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Location	The Rensselaer Hartford 275 Windsor St, Hartford, Connecticut 06120	Fee	\$50 per person
Register by	10/19/11	Course #	1025300171
Facilitator	Stephanie Knutson, MSN, RN, School Health Consultant, State Department of Education		
CEUs	1.2 (Attendance at both sessions is mandatory.)		

Important Note: Workshop materials/handouts will be posted on EASTCONN's registration Web site at www.eastconn.org approximately two weeks prior to the event. Please download, print and bring these materials with you to the workshop as hard copies will not be available.

This program will provide an overview of state laws and regulations regarding school health. The program will also address standards of practice for school nurses, competencies, and supervisory issues. Finally, the program will present an overview of the school nurse's role in student achievement, special education and Section 504.

As a result of attending these sessions, participants will:

- understand state laws and regulations regarding school health;
- learn state mandates for immunizations, health assessments and screenings;
- learn about the school nurse's role in academic achievement;
- learn about documentation in school health services; and
- become knowledgeable about special education and Section 504 issues related to school health.



Register online at www.registereastconn.org. Click on the title. You will need to input your 4 digit PIN Number and a valid Purchase Order (P.O.) number from your school. **Note:** If you will be paying by a personal check and not using a P.O., you will receive a confirmation via e-mail to send in with your check.

If you have questions regarding registration, or have difficulty using the online form, e-mail conferenceoffice@eastconn.org, or call 860-455-1533.

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School Nurse Bulletins...Keeping CT School Nurses Informed and Involved!

Professional Development Opportunities, Cont'd

The Connecticut State Department of Education and State Education Resource Center
Presents

School Nurse Supervisor Orientation



This day long session that will provide an opportunity for new school nurse leaders and school nurse supervisors to gain exposure to understanding key issues impacting the practice of school nursing today. Participants will be exposed to information that will inform their practice such as school nurse competencies, supervisory issues, standards of practice for school nurses, the school nurse's role in student achievement, special education, Section 504, and any recent legislative or policy changes that will impact their profession.

Who Should Attend

New School Nurse Supervisors and Nurse Leaders (0 – 5 years)

Date and Time

Thursday, October 13, 2011, 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost

FREE!

Location

Connecticut State Department of Education, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457, in SERC Classroom

Registration

Return completed registration form and return to Stephanie Knutson, Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457, FAX 860-807-2127 or e-mail Stephanie.knutson@ct.gov. **When your registration is accepted, you will receive an e-mail confirmation with directions.**

*Register now! Space is limited to 20 attendees!
Coffee and Lunch provided!*

Name: _____ Title: _____
District: _____ Telephone: (____) _____
Address: _____
(Street) (Town) (Zip)
E-mail Address (REQUIRED): _____

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