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<u>Teacher Education And Mentoring (TEAM) Program</u> <u>2019-2022 THREE-YEAR DISTRICT SUPPORT PLAN FOR</u> BEGINNING TEACHERS AND MENTORS

Per state statute 10-1450, local and regional boards of education shall develop a three-year teacher education and mentoring plan.

Please enter your plan by completing each section below.

Q7. District Information

Name of District	Stonington Public Schools
Superintendent Name	Dr. Van Riley
District Facilitator (DF)	Mary Anne Butler
DF Email	maryanne.butler@stoningtonschools.org
DF Phone Number	860-572-0506

Q3. TEAM Coordinating Committee (TCC)

Local and regional boards of education shall form a local or regional coordinating committee or committees, with representatives of the exclusive bargaining representative for certified employees chosen pursuant to section 10-153b, based on district size, to guide the activities outlined in the three-year teacher education and mentoring plan.

List the TEAM Coordinating Committee member names and their roles:

Name/Role	Mary Anne Butler, Assistant Superintendent
Name/Role	Alicia Sweet Dawe, Principal
Name/Role	Sheila Adams, Teacher
Name/Role	Jennifer Bausch, Curriculum Specialist
Name/Role	Jean Bradanini, Humanities Interdisciplinary Coordinator
Name/Role	Maureen Steinhoff, Guidance Counselor
Name/Role	Meghan Breen, Elementary Program Facilitator
Name/Role	Olwen Chin, Teacher

Add additional names here:			
4. Describe the timeline for the Toersonnel, principals and mentors.	CC to meet. Include in the plan when the	∋ TCC will meet with central office	
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Tricia Lance, Teacher

Q48. District Facilitator (DF)

Name/Role

The District Facilitator must be a certified teacher or a certified administrator in the district who will lead the TEAM Coordinating Committee and function as liaison between the CSDE, the district, beginning teachers, and mentors regarding requirements of the TEAM program.

The superintendent is asked to appoint the individual (DF) who will be responsible for the facilitation of the TEAM Program in the district. A DF may continue to serve in the role for multiple years. However, when a new DF is appointed, the superintendent must notify the CSDE by sending an email to Gady Weiner at gady.weiner@ct.gov

For a full description of the role and responsibilities, please see the TEAM Program Manual.

The superintendent has appointed the following individual to the role of DF:
Mary Anne Butler

Q6. Goals, Activities and Budget

Local and regional school districts shall develop a three-year teacher education and mentoring plan that incorporates the Department of Education's goals and instructional priorities, as well as any local considerations based on community and student needs. The plan shall include a statement of three-year objectives related to the state's goal statement for the teacher education and mentoring program.

The Mission of the TEAM Program: To promote excellence, equity and higher achievement for Connecticut students by engaging teachers in purposeful exploration of practice through guided support and personal reflection.

The goals of the TEAM Program are to:

- Provide all beginning teachers with the support they need to develop as effective educators;
- Ease the beginning teacher's transition into the teaching profession in order to retain effective teachers;

- Develop teachers who are reflective practitioners, able to critically assess their practice against CT's teaching standards, and are committed to continuous professional learning;
- Cultivate an understanding of the professional responsibilities of an educator;
- Foster collaborative learning communities for all educators; and
- Provide excellent teachers the opportunity to develop as educational leaders.

Q7. List your district's three-year objectives related to the state's mission and goal statement for the Teacher Education And Mentoring Program.

(Consider: alignment to district/school initiatives related to teaching and learning; teacher retention, professional development, etc.)

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Q8. Local and regional boards of education shall:

- 1. ensure substitute teacher coverage for mentors and beginning teachers to participate in the activities and modules required in the three-year teacher education and mentoring plan;
- 2. communicate regularly with beginning teachers about training opportunities, state-wide workshops and support group work;
- 3. coordinate the teacher education and mentoring program and teacher evaluation and supervision program, provided they are kept separate;

6. su	bmit annual report on mentor-teacher activities to the superintendent or director for re	view and approval.
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✓ 4. Ensure mentors and beginning teachers have time to meet by coordinating their activities and schedules to

ensure faithful implementation of the TEAM Program.

4. take steps to make time available, as needed, to help teachers achieve the goals of their mentoring plans;

5. coordinate the activities and schedules of mentors and beginning teachers to ensure faithful

implementation of the district plan; and

•	5. Submit an annual report on mentor-teacher activities to the superintendent or director for review and approval.	
	Local and regional boards of education will develop an annual budget to support the a	
the th Educ	hree-year teacher education and mentoring plan and submit such budget annually to the cation to receive state assistance for such activities. The CSDE will allocate funding di	ne Department of rectly to LEAs to
offse	t the costs of TEAM implementation based on student population in the LEA.	
	tify the areas that the LEA will use the allocated TEAM funding to support beginning to ect all that apply)	eacher induction:
•	Mentor Stipends	

Q58. Module Five - Professional Responsibility

Mentor/cooperating teacher training

Professional development for beginning teachers and mentors

Data system

Module Five Facilitated Conversations are meant to raise teachers' level of awareness about responsible, professional behavior. Districts have the opportunity to select the facilitator for the discussion of the scenarios. It is recommended that the facilitator be knowledgeable about district policies and procedures as well as the *Code of Professional Responsibility for Educators* within the *Common Core of Teaching*. Facilitators could be the District Facilitators, Human Resource Directors, Building Administrators; Central Office Administrators; or Teacher Leaders.

	The District Facilitator	
	Human Resource Director	
	Central Office Administrator	
	Building Administrator	
	Teacher Leader	
Q13	3. When will Module Five be conducted?	
	At the beginning of the first year of teaching	
	Mid-year of the first year of teaching	
	Beginning of the second year of teaching	
	Mid-year of the second year of teaching	
	Other	
Q14	1. How will Module Five be structured?	
	Beginning teachers only	
	Beginning teachers and their mentors	
•	Beginning teachers, mentors and experienced staff	
	Other	
Q15	5. How will teachers document the completion of Module Five?	
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Mi	odule Five is facilitated by the District Facilitator and members of the TCC as available during the beginning of the school year after arted. The session includes beginning teachers, mentors, and TCC members in October. Teachers use the reflection questions provi	the school has ded by the CSDE
or	n the TEAM website as evidence of their completion of the module.	
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Q24. Mentors

Q12. Who will facilitate Module Five?

Local and regional boards of education shall develop a three-year teacher education and mentoring plan that includes a description of the process used to select mentors and assign them to beginning teachers, based on subject areas, grade levels, and needs; and a description of the process to ensure mentors are trained and updated in best practices and essential knowledge.

Those persons eligible to serve as mentors for such programs shall hold a provisional educator certificate or a professional educator certificate pursuant to section 10-145s, and have at least three years teaching experience in Connecticut, including at least one year of experience in the district in which they are presently employed. Retired certified teachers may also serve as mentors, provided they successfully complete a mentor training program.

Q17. Describe the criteria and process used to recruit and select mentors who meet the statutory criteria (see above).

Tenured teachers are identified by the administrative team based upon the content and grade level experience to align with the content and grade level assignment of the new teacher. Each year the principals review the status of existing mentors and any need for additional teachers to be trained as mentors and as paper reviewers. Tenured teachers may also volunteer for TEAM training. Mentor matches are made as soon as new teachers names are loaded into the CTTEAM website, typically by October 1st. All teachers within the district are provided professional learning as dictated by the
priorities outlined in the District and School Improvement Plans.

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Assigning mentors to beginning teachers is a critical first step in providing support. Describe the criteria and process, including the timeline for assigning trained mentors to new teachers. How soon after a teacher is hired will the LEA assign a mentor?

<u>Consider</u>: matching beginning teachers and mentors based on subject areas, grade levels, proximity, and needs where possible when making an assignment.

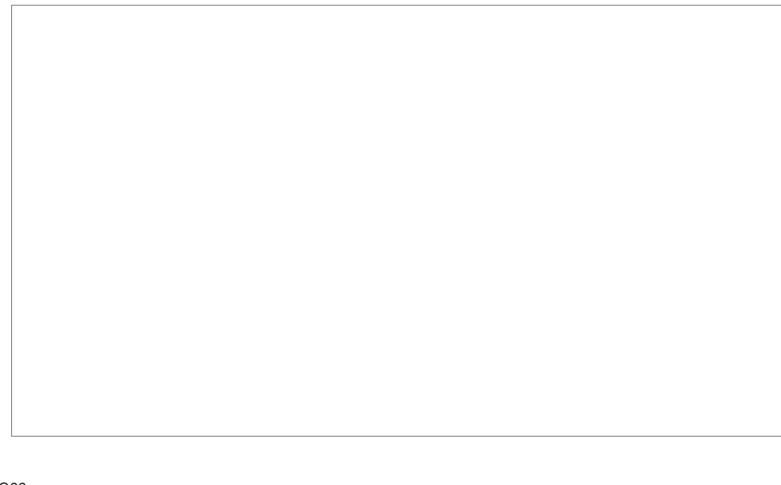
Please Note: TEAM Guidelines state:

A mentor **must** be assigned to all beginning teachers at the start of the school year or as soon as possible upon hire. It is strongly encouraged that mentors be matched and assigned to a beginning teacher within 30 days of the beginning teacher's hire date. The district is responsible for ensuring that all beginning teachers are assigned a mentor (p. 9).

0	No (Explain)
Q20 appl	. All beginning teachers are matched with a mentor according to the following criteria (select all that y):
✓	Grade level
✓	Content Area
✓	Proximity
✓	Needs
	Other
	. All mentors must be trained and updated by state approved training(s) in best practices and essentia vledge on a regular basis.
•	Mentors are required to attend a state approved training and update training.
	Mentors are trained by in-district trainers (lead/master mentors) who have been trained and updated by the state.
	Other: Please explain

Yes

Q22. Describe any additional professional development opportunities provided by the LEA to mentors to address further development of best practice and essential content knowledge. (Optional)



Q32. Mentoring Hours

Each mentor shall provide fifty contact hours to each beginning teacher during the program, with the expectation of approximately ten contact hours per module.

Q24.

Describe how your LEA will monitor the number of mentoring hours provided to each beginning teacher to ensure support hours are meeting the mandated requirements and a process for addressing possible issues during the year.

Mentor contact hours are monitored through the CTTEAM website and the DF contacts the mentor and building principal if support hours fall below expectations outlined in the legislation. Active mentors will meet in the fall and winter with the TCC to review the mentoring process, program expectations, and share experiences.	v the
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Beginning teachers shall satisfactorily complete instructional modules (classroom environment, planning instruction, instructing, assessing and professional responsibility). Beginning teachers shall work with their mentors in developing a planned set of activities, based on the topics offered within each instructional module.

Beginning teachers shall complete two modules in their first year in the program and three modules in their second year in the program, except as otherwise provided by the Commissioner of Education.

Q26.

Describe how the LEA will orient all beginning teachers to the TEAM program (generally within 45 days from their first day in the classroom).

The TEAM Guidelines require all LEAs to provide an orientation to TEAM which includes, but is not limited to the following: an overview of the TEAM Program requirements, an introduction to TEAM, a review of the district's threeyear TEAM support plan, timelines for TEAM completion, including any district specific requirements, and a schedule for district-based support.

Beginning teachers are all oriented to the TEAM program during the early October TEAM meeting with the TCC, as appropriate. The Orientation includes information on the general model of the program, the expected timelines for completing each module, navigating challenges, and the impact to
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Q27.

Describe how the LEA will ensure BTs know the consequences of not completing all TEAM requirements by their deadline date.

Teachers who do not successfully complete all five modules by the end of three years in TEAM for Category I teachers, and two modules within two years for Category II teachers, and who do not receive an approved extension of time, will not be eligible for an extension of their initial educator certificate and will not be eligible to advance to the provisional certificate. In such case, in order to earn eligibility for the reissuance of the initial educator certificate, the teacher would need to fulfill the requirements of intervening study and experience (Sec. 10-145f) as approved by the State Board of Education.

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Q28.

Describe the process for monitoring beginning teachers are on track to complete TEAM by their deadline dates.

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Q29.

Describe supports for teachers who are not on track to complete TEAM by their deadline dates.

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Q31. How will teachers demonstrate completion of each instructional module?

- Teachers will submit a reflection paper to demonstrate completion of each module.
- Teachers will submit a project to demonstrate completion of each module.
- Other

Q32. You selected <u>Project</u> - Please describe the requirements of the project including, but not limited to, how teachers will demonstrate and document module activities and outcomes aligned with the Criteria for Successful Completion of a Module.

This question was not displayed to the respondent.

Q33. You selected Other- Please describe the requirements for module completion, including, but not limited to, how teachers will demonstrate and document module activities and outcomes aligned with the Criteria for Successful Completion of a Module.

This question was not displayed to the respondent.

Q51.

Review of Modules

For each instructional module, beginning teachers shall **apply the knowledge gained** through such activities and describe how the activity **impacted student learning**.

PLEASE NOTE: Regardless of whether a district elects to review module completion in-district or participate in a regional review process, all reviewers must be trained prior to conducting reviews and participate in update training in subsequent years.

Review Criteria

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- Reviewers are required to attend a state approved training.
- Reviewers are trained in-district using a state-approved training.
- Other: Explain

Q36. How will modules be reviewed for successful completion?

- Regional Review (RESC Collaborative)
- In-district Review
- Consortium (in a collaboration with other districts)

Q37. Describe the in-district or consortium review process including, but not limited to:

- Assigning reviews of module completion
- · Criteria for successful completion

 Process for communicating results to teachers Assuring confidentiality of the results
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• Process for module resubmission for modules that did not meet the completion standard

Q38. Describe the process that the district will use to resolve internal disputes or appeals, including, but not limited to, disputes concerning the mentoring module process; mentor-beginning teacher relationships, - including a process to dissolve placements, if necessary; module outcomes (if reviewed in-district); and, requests for special accommodations based on disabilities.

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Q39. The TEAM Coordinating Committee (TCC) approved the 2019-2022 Three-year Support Plan for Beginning Teachers and Mentors.

Yes

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TEAM Coordinating Committee Approval

District Facilitator or TCC Chairperson Signature - Signature indicates the plan has been shared with and approved by the superintendent.

