

## Commissioner's Update

January 21, 2010

Dear Connecticut Educator:

Connecticut's application for \$192.7 million in federal Race to the Top funding was formally submitted to the U.S. Department of Education at 12:02 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2010. Please see the [attached cover page and list of participating local education agencies \(LEAs\)](#). We expect to post the application online by Friday.

I would like to thank the many people who contributed to this effort. Our Department staff and our external partners deserve to be commended for their hard work, cooperation and their dedication to improving our educational system. While we will not know the outcome for several months, we have developed a strong application, and I am hopeful that Connecticut will be among those states to be awarded funding in the first round.

The process has helped us to make important strides forward as an education community. I look forward to our continued collaboration to improve our schools on behalf of the students of our state.

Sincerely,

Mark K. McQuillan  
Commissioner of Education