

Commissioner's Update

July 28, 2008

Dear Connecticut Educator:

I have two items for you in this update.

Beaudin Named Associate Commissioner

The State Board of Education appointed Barbara Q. Beaudin as associate commissioner of the Division of Assessment and Accountability, effective July 4, 2008. Beaudin has worked for the Department for seven years. Previously, she was chief of the Bureau of Student Assessment. For the past nine months, she has served as acting associate commissioner while simultaneously performing her duties as bureau chief. Her division encompasses three bureaus: Student Assessment; Data Collection, Research and Evaluation; and Accountability, Compliance and Monitoring.

Students from Trumbull, Simsbury Join State Board of Education

Governor M. Jodi Rell appointed Christine Larson of Trumbull and Brandt Smallwood of Simsbury to one-year terms on the State Board of Education beginning July 1, 2008. Larson is entering her senior year at Trumbull High School, where she is a top scholar and athlete and is involved in numerous community service projects. She is president of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. Smallwood will be a senior at Simsbury High School this year and is a top math scholar, peer advocate, athlete and a leader in Future Business Leaders of America. Students are selected through a rigorous application and interview process involving the State Student Advisory Council on Education and the Governor's Office.

Sincerely,

Mark K. McQuillan
Commissioner of Education