

Commissioner Update

June 22, 2009

Dear Connecticut Educator:

I have one item for you in this update.

Phase II Grant Awarded For State Longitudinal Data System

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) was notified on April 3, 2009, that it would receive a \$2.9 million grant from the Institute for Educational Sciences to enhance its longitudinal data system. The CSDE, in collaboration with the Connecticut Department of Higher Education (CDHE), submitted its grant application in September 2008. Over the next three years, the CSDE and CDHE will use the grant money to track students' progress through the Connecticut public school system into the state university system, and finally into the work force. As a result, the CSDE will be able to evaluate students' educational experiences through the analysis of course-taking patterns and postsecondary outcomes.

Sincerely,

Mark K. McQuillan
Commissioner of Education