

Commissioner's Update

March 7, 2011

Dear Connecticut Educator:

I have two items for you in this update.

Medication administration regulations revised

The regulations for medication administration in Connecticut schools have been revised and became effective as of October 7, 2010. Major changes to the Regulations for the Administration of Medication by School Personnel and Administration of Medication During Before- and After-School Programs and School Readiness Programs includes the incorporation of Public Act 09-155 An Act Concerning the Use of Asthmatic Inhalers and Epinephrine Auto-injectors While at School into Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) Section 10-212a-4, Self-administration of medications; and addition of the following three new sections:

- C.G.S. Section 10-212a-8 Administration of medications by coaches and licensed athletic trainers during intramural and interscholastic events;
- C.G.S. Section 10-212a-9 Administration of medications by paraprofessionals pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-212a(d); and
- C.G.S. Section 10-212a-10 Administration of medication in school readiness programs and before- and after-school programs.

To provide school district personnel with guidance regarding the changes to these regulations, the Connecticut State Department of Education is offering additional workshop sessions to assist with implementation:

Date Time Location/ Room

Monday, April 4, 2011 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. CSDE, Middletown/MCR-3

Monday, May 2, 2011 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. CSDE, Middletown/MCR-3

Monday, June 6, 2011 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. CSDE, Middletown/MCR-3

To register for a workshop session, please contact Glenda Stuckey at 860-807-2210.

Spring 2011 School Nurse Supervisor Conference

Dr. Charles, E. Basch, author of Healthier Students are Better Learners: A

Missing Link in School Reform to Close the Achievement Gap, will be the keynote speaker at the spring 2011 School Nurse Supervisor Conference on April 5. All school nurse supervisors, nurse administrators and leaders are encouraged to attend. Registration for this event is available at www.registereastconn.org.

Sincerely,

George A. Coleman

Acting Commissioner of Education