



# School Governance Council Update

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## Web page for School Governance Councils

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/SGC>

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) communicates periodically with School Governance Councils through the Update in order to provide information on new policies and training opportunities, and to solicit feedback from councils.

## REGISTER NOW

### Topical Networking Sessions for Councils

## *We've Elected Our Members... We've Written Our Bylaws... Now What?!* Setting Goals and Priorities for Your Council

It is important that your council establish priorities and set goals, and stick to them. Otherwise, there is a real chance the your council will wander, wondering what to do first or, even worse, trying to do too much and not being as productive as it could be. This session will help your council set a course for action that will carry you through the end of your first year and position you for a productive 2012-2013.

**April 23, 2012**

**Registration 5:30 p.m. ♦ Program 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

### Featured Speaker:

Patti Avallone, Consultant to Connecticut State Department of Education for School-Family-Community Partnerships

### Agenda:

5:30	Registration and refreshments
6:00 - 7:00	Presentation on Setting Goals and Priorities for Your Council
7:00 to 7:30	Interactive discussion with members of councils from across CT

## Three Ways to Participate

### 1 Attend The Session in Person

The topical networking session for School Governance Council members will take place at:

**Cooperative Educational Services  
25 Oakview Drive, Trumbull, CT 06111**

Note: Directions will be sent to you when you register.

**To attend in person, you must register.**

Please click on the following link or copy and paste into your Web browser:  
[www.ctserc.org/Registration\\_School\\_Governance\\_Council](http://www.ctserc.org/Registration_School_Governance_Council).

Note about registering: You will need a SERC member number to register. If you are not sure if you are a SERC member or have never been to a SERC session, call Lauren D. Jones at (860) 632-1485 ext. 256 to get a SERC number.

If you know your SERC member number and have already created a username, please log in and register. If you know your SERC member number, but have not used the online registration, please click "Create an Account" at the top of the page to set up an Online Member User Account. Once your account has been set up, you may submit applications online, manage your member profile, and track your enrollment status in professional development activities. Click "SERC Policy" for additional information about CEUs, an Inclement Weather Advisory, and Workshop Cancellation.

For questions regarding registration please contact: Lauren D. Jones, Education Services Specialist, at (860) 632-1485, ext. 256 or [ljones@ctserc.org](mailto:ljones@ctserc.org), or Holly King, Unit Coordinator, at (860) 632-1485, ext. 242 or [king@ctserc.org](mailto:king@ctserc.org).

**2 Live Stream and Watch on Your Computer**

If you are unable to attend the session in person, you can watch it in "real time" on your computer. If you are interested in viewing the live stream of the session, please contact Lauren D. Jones, Education Services Specialist, at (860) 632-1485, ext. 256 or [ljones@ctserc.org](mailto:ljones@ctserc.org) and provide your name, phone number, and email address. Live streaming log-in instructions will be forwarded to you prior to the event.

Our apologies to those who encountered technical difficulties when live streaming the session held in March. We are assured that those problems have been fixed.

**3 Watch Later on the Internet**

The session will be recorded and available to watch at your convenience on the Internet approximately two weeks after the actual session. Information on the location of the Web site will be sent to schools.

Materials from all sessions will be available on the CSDE web site approximately two weeks after the actual session.

***Consider watching with your team as part of a council meeting.***

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## Did You Miss the Session on Freedom of Information?

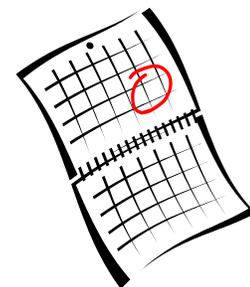
School Governance Councils, as publically elected bodies, are required to follow the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act.

On March 20 we offered a session on *Everything You Always Wanted to Know about the Freedom of Information Act*. Tom Hennick of the Freedom of Information Commission provided a very informative overview of councils' responsibilities. A video of his presentation and downloadable materials are available online at: [www.ctserc.org/school\\_governance/](http://www.ctserc.org/school_governance/)

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## Save the Date – Networking Session in May

A future topical networking session will be held on:



### How Your Council Can Create a College-Going Culture in Your School

**May 15, 2012**

**Registration 5:30 p.m. ♦ Program 6:00 to 7:30**

More information on this event will be sent shortly.

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