



# 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.

## Workshop Sessions for Councils

### ***Building a College-Going Culture in Your School: A Role for School Governance Councils***

A college-going culture builds the expectation of postsecondary education for all students – not just the best students. It inspires the best in every student, and it supports students in achieving their goals.

- Why is it necessary to encourage a college-going culture?
- How should schools and families be planning for college in middle school and earlier?
- What is the role of the School Governance Council in promoting a college-going culture in your school?

Participants in this workshop will receive resources to use in their schools including a checklist of things all schools should be doing to build a college-going culture and a preview of a new website called Big Future, which is great for kids and parents.

**May 15, 2012**

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

Register by May 10, 2012

### **Location:**

In an effort to accommodate council members in different regions of the state, this session will be held at

**LEARN Regional Education Service Center  
44 Hatchedts Hill Road, Old Lyme**

### **Featured Speaker:**

Alan Bernstein, Senior Educational Manager, K-12 Services  
The College Board

### **Agenda:**

5:30	Registration and refreshments
6:00 - 7:00	Presentation on Creating a College-Going Culture in Your School
7:00 to 7:30	Interactive discussion with members of councils from across CT

### Three Ways to Participate:

#### ① Attend The Session in Person

If you are interested in attending the session, please contact Lauren D. Jones, Education Services Specialist, at (860) 632-1485 , ext. 256 or [ljones@ctserc.org](mailto:ljones@ctserc.org) for information and directions.

#### 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.

#### 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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### ***Training on School-Parent Compacts***

Developing the School-Parent Compact is one of the responsibilities of School Governance Councils. Connecticut has a new model for compacts that links the compact to your school improvement goals – rather than the traditional boilerplate model of the past. The new model is described here: [www.schoolparentcompact.org](http://www.schoolparentcompact.org)

Training on this new model will be presented for Title I district and school leaders on May 11, 2012. Members of School Governance Councils are invited to attend on a space-available basis.

**May 11, 2012**

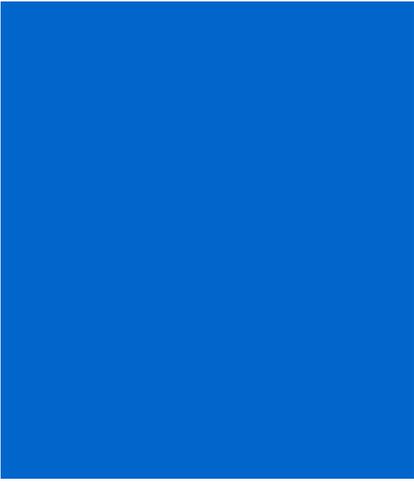
**Registration 8:30 a.m. ♦ Program 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

Location: Crowne Plaza, Cromwell

To register: [www.registereastconn.org](http://www.registereastconn.org)

Register by May 2, 2012

See attached flyer for more information about the training.



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## ***Archived: Workshop 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/)