



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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Dear Technology Readiness Tool Users,

The Connecticut Department of Education (CSDE) is partnering with the non-profit [EducationSuperHighway](#) to conduct a SchoolSpeedTest. EducationSuperHighway has already partnered with 26 different states to measure school and district bandwidth to maximize digital learning. The SchoolSpeedTest will help find *network bottlenecks, support network planning, demonstrate the possible need for increased connectivity/hardware funding, and support your district readiness* for future assessments. Once the Connecticut SchoolSpeedTest is completed, the CSDE and districts will receive reports indicating the available bandwidth (max, min, and average) in each school, as well as, per-student bandwidth. The CSDE and EducationSuperHighway will be administering this test during the month of February. This partnership allows the CSDE and districts to easily collect data from school staff members with an online tool that measures the available bandwidth to a classroom device. Starting on February 3, 2014, any person on a school network can go to: <http://partners.schoolspeedtest.org/connecticut.html>, take a free SchoolSpeedTest in under a minute, and add data to the school inventory.

To ensure the assessment provides enough data to address funding and network needs, your help is needed to ensure that every school in your district takes between 10-20 SpeedTests.

For more information, attend a **Connecticut SchoolSpeedTest Webinar and Q&A session**:

When: January 23, 2 pm EST

Where: <https://join.me/819-102-544>

On PC or Mac, use any browser with Flash.

On a phone or tablet, launch the [join.me app](#) and enter meeting code: **819-102-544**

Phone:

- 1) Dial **1.860.970.0010** (United States)
- 2) Enter conference ID: **819-102-544#**

Although participation is voluntary, districts are encouraged to take advantage of this free and simple way to improve your district's internet connectivity.

Questions about the SchoolSpeedTest can be directed to Abe Krisst at 860-713-6894 or abe.krisst@ct.gov.

Thank you.

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