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TO: Superintendents of Schools

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Commissioner of Education

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SUBJECT: New Teacher and Employer Survey about Teacher Preparation Quality

In December 2016, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved the recommendations from the Educator Preparation Advisory Council (EPAC), which was charged in 2012 with the task of advising the SBE on the transformation of Connecticut's system for educator preparation program (EPP) approval, regulation, and oversight.

As part of a package of EPAC recommendations, and in accordance with [Public Act 15-243](#), the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is developing a new public dashboard to provide data about Connecticut EPPs for the purposes of: public transparency, program improvement, and accountability. Several indicators are scheduled to be reported for EPPs, including completer/graduation rates, first and best attempt pass rates on exams (e.g., PRAXIS II, ACTFL, Foundations of Reading, etc.), initial employment rates in Connecticut schools, retention rates within three years of program completion, and results from new teacher and employer feedback surveys.

While the CSDE possesses the data for many of these indicators, the Department needs to conduct an annual feedback survey from new teachers and their supervisors. This survey data collection – the Educator Preparation Survey – is scheduled to begin in March 2017. In order for new teachers and their supervisors to report data through this collection, we request that you please complete the following by March 8, 2017:

1. Identify one individual in the district who will confirm the supervisor that is assigned to each new teacher *and* who will serve as the point of contact for this collection.
2. Provide the name, e-mail, and phone number of this individual to your district's LEA Security Manager (see [statewide list](#) to identify the LEA Security Manager for your district).
3. Instruct the LEA Security Manager to "assign the *EdPrep Survey LEA Admin Role* in the Educator Preparation Survey application located within Directory Manager" for the selected individual.

Once an individual is assigned access to the Educator Preparation Survey data collection, the CSDE Talent Office will provide further instructions to those assigned individuals. If you have additional questions, please contact Edprepfeedback.survey@ct.gov or call Georgette Nemr at 860-713-6716.

We sincerely appreciate your support of our ongoing efforts to improve the quality of educator preparation in Connecticut.

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