




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools
Superintendents of Unified School Districts
Directors of Public Charter Schools
Executive Directors of Regional Educational Service Centers
Directors of Approved Private Special Education Programs

FROM: Dr. Sarah J. Barzee, Chief Talent Officer 

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SUBJECT: New Teacher and Employer Survey Regarding Educator Preparation Quality

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is committed to ensuring that all teachers receive high-quality preparation that provides a solid foundation in the Connecticut Common Core of Teaching and ensures demonstration of deep content knowledge and pedagogy, so they are learner-ready when they enter the classroom.

In order to elicit feedback about the quality of Connecticut's teacher preparation programs and teachers' readiness to teach, we will again survey new teachers prepared by a Connecticut educator preparation program and their immediate supervisors/administrators. We request your assistance in communicating the critical importance of this survey to the new teachers and administrators who receive the survey.

These surveys are one of several measures that the CSDE will use to provide feedback to Connecticut's Educator Preparation Providers (EPP). The data collected from these surveys is one of multiple indicators about educator preparation quality, which will be publicly reported in the new Educator Preparation Data Dashboard.

This year, the survey is scheduled to begin in April 2019. To ensure effective implementation of the survey, we are requesting your assistance with the following:

1. By November 19, 2018, please identify one individual to be assigned the specific role of *EdPrep Survey LEA Admin* in the Directory Manager. This person will be the point of contact for the district and electronically confirm the match between your new teachers and their primary supervisors in your district by January 7, 2019. This person must be assigned the specific role in the CSDE Directory Manager as follows (or confirm it is the same person who was assigned last year):
 - a. Application: Educator Preparation Survey
 - b. Role: *EdPrep Survey LEA Admin Role*
2. Please communicate with the following individuals in your district about the requirement for completing the feedback survey in April 2019:
 - a. New teachers in your district who completed their preparation in Connecticut and who will be in their first year of the TEAM Program in 2018-19; and
 - b. Primary supervisors of the new teachers (as verified by the district in item 1 above).

3. Please inform new teachers and their supervisors that all CSDE communications will be sent from Edprepfeedback.survey@ct.gov to the email on file for survey recipients.
 - a. Remind these individuals that the email they provided in CECs should be a current email address. The CSDE relies on the CECs information to contact teachers, including information regarding their certification.

A reminder will go out to superintendents in March 2019, prior to commencing the survey for new teacher/employers.

We sincerely appreciate your support of our ongoing efforts, in collaboration with Connecticut educator preparation programs, to continuously improve the quality of educator preparation in Connecticut. If you or your staff have additional questions, please contact Claudine Primack at 860-713-6826 or Edprepfeedback.survey@ct.gov.

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