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Commissioner Pryor and Interim Superintendent Rabinowitz issue joint statement on future of FUSE and Bridgeport's Dunbar School

(Hartford, CT)—Bridgeport Interim Superintendent Frances Rabinowitz stated that she intends to terminate the district's partnership with FUSE and will present the plan to the local board of education on Thursday evening. Under the provisions of the MOU, the Commissioner of Education must consent to the termination of the agreement between the two parties. Commissioner of Education Stefan Pryor has consented to this course of action.

Commissioner Pryor and Interim Superintendent Rabinowitz today released the following joint statement regarding the next steps:

"Recent revelations regarding FUSE have given rise to significant concerns regarding the organization's ability to continue working with Dunbar.

"Teachers, students and parents have demonstrated commendable resolve to turn around Dunbar. They deserve a partner who will be able to provide the attention and support necessary for the work that lies ahead.

"Therefore, we will actively explore a partnership with Cooperative Educational Services (CES) to help support the school's effort to implement its turnaround plan."

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