



## Connecticut Commission for Educational Technology March 2023 Executive Director's Report

### Annual Report

- [Summary](#) and [full report](#) on progress made against State Educational Technology Plan, shared with General Assembly, State Board, and CSCU
- Themes of transitioning back to in-person learning while fully leveraging and sustaining local and state technology investments
- Commission members encouraged to share with, and provide input from, appointing agencies and offices

### Digital Equity

- Progress on [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#) grant, with Commission as the State lead to address adoption and effective use of technology
- Digital Equity Act part of [inter-agency efforts](#) across DEEP ([BEAD](#) and ARPA), OPM ([mapping](#)), OCC ([policy](#)), and CEN (middle mile and [community wireless](#))
- Planning phase (\$736K) through November to support development of State Digital Equity Plan, with core planning team as advisors
- Established Digital Equity Research Center with UCONN School of Public Policy
- Outreach to state agencies, municipalities, libraries, and digital equity providers to identify current programs and resources as well as barriers to adoption
- Separately, [\\$2.8M award](#) February 27 to UCONN-Hartford through NTIA Minority Serving Institutions to support computer science education and Internet access for those living in high-poverty communities near the campus

### Letter of Support: E-rate to Fund School and Library Cybersecurity

- Response to FCC request for comments on allowing use of E-Rate funds for advanced or next-generation firewalls and other network security services
- Underscores the need not just for high-speed access for schools and libraries but also protection of networks against cyber attacks
- Does not vie against current requests or require an increase in annual funding, given the substantial E-rate program surplus
- Submission details and letter available through the [FCC filing portal](#) and [March 6 Commission meeting page](#)