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TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell, Commissioner of Education *Dianna R. Wentzell*

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SUBJECT: Announcement of Unpaid Experiential Learning Program Continuation

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE), in collaboration with the Connecticut Department of Labor, is extending the Unpaid Experiential Learning Program for the 2016-17 school year.

The purpose of the Unpaid Experiential Learning Program is to enable local education agencies (LEAs), individual high schools and their business and industry partners, to place students in unpaid work-based learning opportunities for up to 120 hours per year. The program waiver supports LEA efforts to expand and build new pathways for learners, while allowing for career skill development in an authentic setting. The CSDE is hosting two informational sessions. In order to participate in the Unpaid Experiential Learning Program you or your designee must attend one of the two sessions. The sessions are August 26, 9:00-11:00 a.m. or August 29, 1:00-3:00 p.m., at CREC Central, 111 Charter Oak Ave, Room 202, Hartford, CT 06106.

To register you or your designee, please direct your internet browser to: <http://www.crec.org/events/index.php>, click on "events" then scroll down to the desired date and click the registration button. If you need help registering, please contact Mary Lou Molloy at 860-509-3649 or mmolloy@crec.org. Should you need additional information regarding the 2016-17 Unpaid Experiential Learning Program, please contact Harold Mackin at 860-713-6779 or Harold.mackin@ct.gov or you may contact Suzanne Loud at 860-713-6746 or Suzanne.loud@ct.gov.

We thank you for your interest and hope to see you in August.