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

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SUBJECT: Changes to the Connecticut Administrator Test (CAT)

This memo communicates important information regarding changes to the Connecticut Administrator Test (CAT), specifically the transition from the current CAT to a new CAT. Effective September 2018, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) will transition to the Educational Leadership Administration and Supervision (ELAS) test, developed and administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Information about the transition will also be posted on the CSDE website and updated in the CSDE Guide to Assessments available on the CSDE Certification website.

Since January 2001, the CSDE has utilized the current CAT to assess candidates seeking certification endorsement in Intermediate Administration and Supervision (#092). Candidates are required to pass CAT before they can be recommended for certification by the administrator preparation program. EASTCONN will continue to administer the current CAT through **October 2018**. The remaining dates for administration of the current test are: **March, June, August, and October 2018**. **Beyond the October 2018 administration, the existing CAT will no longer be available.**

The current CAT consists of four modules: two Instructional Analysis and Teacher Support modules and two School Improvement modules. Candidates who have passed at least one (1) of the Instructional Analysis and Teacher Support modules and at least one (1) of the School Improvement modules by October 31, 2018, will be considered a “pass” and can be recommended for certification.

The new CAT is aligned with the 2015 Professional Standards for Educational Leadership (PSEL) and the 2017 National Educational Leadership Preparation (NELP) Standards. The test is designed to measure the extent to which entry-level school leaders demonstrate the standards-based knowledge and skills necessary for competent professional practice.

ETS will first administer the new, computer-delivered CAT in September 2018. The cost of the assessment is \$120.00 and registration is directly through ETS. In the meantime, please contact Dr. Katie Moirs at katie.moirs@ct.gov or by phone at 860-713-6733 if you have specific questions.

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