

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**



TO: Superintendents of Schools

**Charter School Directors** 

**Regional Educational Service Center Directors** 

School Business Officials

FROM: Kathy Demsey, Chief Financial Officer,

DATE: July 16, 2018

SUBJECT: 2017-18 Education Financial System

The Education Financial System (EFS) is now open for filing 2017-18 data with the Connecticut State Department of Education. This filing replaces the End of Year School Reports (Forms ED001/R/C) and the Universal Service Fund Data Item Sheet.

The EFS is accessible via our data collection portal at <a href="https://csde.ct.gov">https://csde.ct.gov</a>. The EFS User Guide and additional information are available on the EFS Web site at <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/SDE-EFS">https://portal.ct.gov/SDE-EFS</a>.

User logins and roles for EFS are assigned in Directory Manager (DM) by your district's Security Manager. (A list of local education agency (LEA) Security Managers is available on the <u>DM Help Site</u>.) Please note the following role assignments:

- EFS LEA Writer is required to enter data in the system. This role was assigned for most districts at the time of EFS training.
- EFS LEA Reader is optional and allows the user to review data but not make entries.
- EFS LEA Certifier must be assigned to the Superintendent/Director.

The statutory deadline for filing is September 1. However, since it falls on a holiday weekend this year, the deadline to submit data is the next business day, Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Be reminded that data is not final until certified by the Superintendent/Director. Pursuant to Section 10-227 of the Connecticut General Statutes, a penalty of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000 may be assessed if your district fails to comply with this deadline.

Please note that the final cost filing for high-cost special education students, formerly collected in the ED001 SEDAC-G system, has been moved to the Special Education Excess Cost Grant (SEECG) system. A separate notification will be sent regarding the opening of that system.

Questions may be sent to the general EFS mailbox at <u>SDE.efs@ct.gov</u> or you may wish to contact Gary Pescosolido at <u>gary.pescosolido@ct.gov</u> or 860-713-6667.

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