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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendent of Schools

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

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SUBJECT: Summer Learning for Students

Summer is fast approaching and now is the time to encourage students to participate in summer learning opportunities. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is excited to continue the tradition of supporting summer learning for Connecticut's students. On Friday, May 17, 2019, Governor Lamont launched the 2019 Governor's Reading Challenge, *A Universe of Stories* and Commissioner Wentzell launched the 2019 Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge, *A Journey through Mathematics* on May 21, 2019. All summer learning information and printable materials are available on the [CSDE Academic Office Web site](#).

The Governor's Summer Reading Challenge supports and enhances ongoing efforts to help every student become a proficient and confident reader. The Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge stresses the importance of maintaining math skills during the summer so that every student can be successful in mathematics. Many districts hold a variety of activities to support summer reading and summer math. Coordinating activities with community-wide programs results in greater student participation in these opportunities.

Recognition ceremonies will occur for the top performing schools in the [2018 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge](#) and the highest participating schools in the [2018 Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge](#) in the fall of the 2019–20 school year.

Please contact Joanne White at 860-713-6751 or Joanne.White@ct.gov if you have any questions about the [Governor's Summer Reading Challenge](#) or Jennifer Michalek at 860-713-6557 or Jennifer.Michalek@ct.gov if you have any questions about the [Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge](#).