



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



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Dear Superintendent:

I wrote to many of you on April 10, indicating that the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) would release a revised request for proposals (RFP) for a \$10 million technology grant to help bring more computers into classrooms and to increase internet bandwidth capacity. The new RFP was released today. For those who had applied for these funds in the winter, you will be able to re-use a substantial portion of your previous application, as long as you adjust to the new requirements (including funding request limits) set forth in the current RFP.

Similar to the \$24 million technology grants released in November 2013, this grant will provide assistance to local school districts as they continue to implement the CT Core Standards and the computer-adaptive statewide assessments (Smarter Balanced assessments).

Interested school districts are required to apply through the competitive RFP process. Funding must be used for the purposes of:

- purchase of new devices; *and/or*
- purchase of interschool or intraschool bandwidth/infrastructure, and/or interdistrict school or facility bandwidth/infrastructure.

Proposals must be received no later than Friday, July 17, 2015, by 3:00 p.m. For complete details of the RFP, please see RFP #813 for 2015-16 under the Academic Office heading. You can access this RFP on the Department Web site by [clicking here](#). Questions regarding this process and application can be forwarded to Abe Krisst at [abe.krisst@ct.gov](mailto:abe.krisst@ct.gov) or 860-713-6894.

Sincerely,

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