



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



May 3, 2010

Dear Colleague,

As you are aware, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provides approximately \$542 million to Connecticut under the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) program over the next biennium. The Governor has committed the SFSF funds to help the State maintain current education funding levels for all 169 municipalities through its Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grant formula. In addition, Connecticut is applying for Phase II of the Race to the Top (RTTT) grant – a competitive \$4.35 billion education reform program enacted as part of ARRA.

The U.S. Department of Education requires that each state gather data from each local education agency (LEA) for the SFSF Phase II application and publicly report and post the data to the Connecticut State Department of Education's website annually. Additionally, these important data are necessary for Connecticut to submit a competitive RTTT Phase II application. For the most part, the data required from each LEA concerns their current teacher and principal evaluation systems. The survey is divided into two sections – section one: Teacher Evaluation System; and section two: Principal Evaluation System.

**Please complete the survey at the following link no later than Wednesday, May 19, 2010:**

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/evaluationsystemsurvey>. Your timely response is appreciated as the data collection is necessary in order to remain eligible for the SFSF Phase II funds and for the submission of our RTTT Phase II application, which is due June 1, 2010.

If you have any questions about the online survey, please contact Jessica Andrews at [Jessica.andrews@ct.gov](mailto:Jessica.andrews@ct.gov) or 860-713-6582.

Sincerely yours,

Mark K. McQuillan  
Commissioner of Education