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# THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

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Dear Colleague,

The State Board of Education is considering the adoption of Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) as one pillar in a statewide effort to improve STEM education and keep Connecticut's students nationally and globally competitive. During this pre-adoption phase, the State Department of Education plans expanded engagement with a group of stakeholders regarding the implications, benefits and challenges of adopting NGSS. The goal is to engender the same broad-based support that the recently-adopted Social Studies Framework received.

The medium for the interactive presentation will be a webinar on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. The purpose of this webinar is to give a select group of CAS secondary school principals (high school and middle school boards) an overview of the NGSS standards, respond to questions, and collect feedback. Presenters will highlight how these new science learning goals would build upon Connecticut's current science standards, highlighting how science teaching and learning will look quite different.

Please let me know your availability to participate in this unique opportunity from your site by return e-mail. This will enable us to provide you with log-in information and to ensure a robust CAS voice in the process.

Regards,

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