



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Ellen E. Cohn, Deputy Commissioner 

DATE: January 25, 2018

SUBJECT: New Website for the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE)

We are pleased to announce that we will be launching a new CSDE website this Saturday, January 27, 2018. Our new website is part of the State of Connecticut's modern, mobile-friendly, and accessible, web-based information platform for Connecticut citizens. Fifteen CSDE "content authors" have been responsible for moving untold numbers of documents and other content to the new platform for a period of over two years. They have our appreciation and gratitude.

Once live, the new website address will be <http://portal.ct.gov/sde>. While nearing completion, content from our previous website will continue to be moved over for several weeks before our previous website is "retired" on February 17, 2018. The website transition period may result in additional questions from our educational stakeholders. To help ease the transition, information and tips about the website are included below.

We are especially pleased to announce that the home page of our website will hold a single **CSDE Professional Development and Public Meeting Calendar**. This calendar will provide "one stop shopping" for viewing and registering for CSDE sponsored PD and formal public meetings.

Features and Tips for Navigating the new CSDE Website

- Once live on January 27, 2018, our new website address will be <http://portal.ct.gov/sde>.
- We will post a message on our previous website directing viewers to our new website.
- Our previous website will be "retired" on February 17, 2018.
- Our new platform has a responsive design that will adjust to the device the viewer is using.
- Our new website has enhanced navigation and search functions.
- Our new website will continue to be organized by Office and Bureau and will have all of the same major components as our previous website such as Quick Links, Superintendent Digest, etc.
- Calendar features include sorting/filtering for events, saving to your personal calendar, event reminders, registration links, etc.
- Bookmarks for the previous website will be lost after close of business on February 16, 2018. Be sure to update all bookmarks/ favorites as soon as possible.
- If you are unable to locate a document, use the search function, which is often the fastest way to access specific content.
- Not all links on the new website will be live at first. Links will be updated by hand as quickly as possible. You may need to copy the web address of the link into your browser.

For questions about the content of the new website, please call our Communication's Office at (860) 713-6548 and we will direct your call to the appropriate office.