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TO: Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Theodore S. Sergi
Commissioner of Education

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SUBJECT: *No Child Left Behind Act* of 2001: Revised Timetable for High Schools and Repeated Timetable for Elementary and Middle Schools

On June 10, 2003, the Connecticut K-12 Statewide Accountability System was approved by the United States Department of Education. A copy of the approved accountability system is posted on the state website under: Closing the Achievement Gap, *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) www.state.ct.us. One major change Connecticut was required to make was the schedule for identifying high schools ***in need of improvement***.

The following schedule will be implemented only for high schools.

No later than June 30, 2003 High schools' Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status will be determined based on 2002 CAPT¹ results. Results will be sent to districts and posted on department website. (We expect this to be a small number of schools.)

No later than November 15, 2003

- High Schools AYP status will be determined based on 2003 CAPT results and high schools ***in need of improvement*** will be identified based on 2002 and 2003 CAPT results.
- Results will be sent to districts and posted on the department website.
- Each district/school must notify parents whose students are attending Title I high schools ***in need of improvement*** (required by NCLB).
- District must determine what choice options will be made available to parents with students in Title I high schools ***in need of improvement***.

No later than December 1, 2003 Districts notify parents of choice options, including specific information about the choices.

No later than Second Semester, 2004 Parents' choice option is implemented and transportation is provided (using Title I funds).

No later than April 1, 2004 A School Improvement Plan for all high schools identified as ***in need of improvement*** regardless

¹ For 2002 CAPT results only the calculation of AYP is based on the 1999 state accountability statute which identifies the lowest performing schools. Subgroup analysis and participation rates are not included in the calculation.

of Title I status, is required and implementation begun.

No later than August 1, 2004 High Schools AYP status will be determined based on 2004 CAPT results, new and continuing schools ***in need of improvement*** will be identified.

The timeframe for elementary and middle schools will be:

No later than August 1, 2003 AYP determination will be made based on CMT 2002 test results, attributed to school attended in 2001-02. Results will be sent to districts and posted on the department website.

No later than August 1, 2004

- AYP determination will be made based on CMT 2003 test results and schools ***in need of improvement*** will be identified based on 2002 and 2003 CMT results.
- Each district/school will notify parents whose students are attending a Title I school ***in need of improvement*** (required by NCLB).
- District must determine what choice options will be made available to parents with students in Title I schools ***in need of improvement***.

No later than August 15, 2004 Districts notify parents of choice options and implement choice for the beginning of the school year.

No later than November 1, 2004 A School Improvement Plan for all elementary and middle schools identified as ***in need of improvement*** regardless of Title I status, is required and implementation begun.

The Department will be providing additional information and suggestions regarding identifying choice options and notification to parents.

If you have any questions, please contact Abigail Hughes, Associate Commissioner, Division of Evaluation and Research, at 860-713-6800.

Thank you.

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