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TO: Superintendents of Schools
Regional Educational Service Center Directors
Charter School Directors, Magnet School Directors

FROM: Dr. Betty J. Sternberg, Commissioner of Education

DATE: May 4, 2006

SUBJECT: Outcomes of the Title IIA Monitoring Visit

In January 2006, Connecticut had a monitoring visit from the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) for the “highly qualified” teacher (HQT) and Title IIA portion of NCLB. We recently received the official report from the USDOE regarding the outcomes of their monitoring visit. The federal government cited the State of Connecticut on several areas of concern; on April 25, 2006, we sent a formal reply addressing each area of concern raised by the USDOE.

The areas of concern include: HOUSSE process, durational shortage area permits being categorized as HQT, an integrated social studies certificate and accompanying state assessment, the NCLB State Report Card, the methods used to annually report HQT to USDOE, and the identification of Title I teachers as HQT since 2002.

We have responded to each of the identified areas of concern and hope that the USDOE will accept our responses to rectify the areas cited. We will be communicating with you regarding the response from the USDOE once we are informed of the final outcome. We hope that we will know the final outcome by mid-May 2006.

If you have further questions regarding the outcomes of the federal visit, please do not hesitate to contact Nancy Pugliese either by telephone at (860)713-6708 or via e-mail at: nancy.pugliese@ct.gov.

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