

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



December 23, 2016

Dear Prospective Charter School Applicant:

I am pleased to announce that, pursuant to my authority under § 10-66bb(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.), the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) will be seeking submission of applications for state and local charter schools during 2017. For the 2017 application cycle, applications may be submitted to CSDE between July 1, 2017 and August 15, 2017. Please refer to the attached application packet for details.

To assist prospective applicants in developing the application, the CSDE currently plans to offer Bidders' Conference on Friday March 17, 2017, to provide an opportunity for any prospective applicant to learn more about charter school application requirements and the applicable process, and to ask questions. Further details concerning the Bidders' Conferences and additional technical assistance opportunities will be announced in early 2017.

If you have questions about this application process, please contact Robert Kelly, Charter School Program Manager, at 860-713-6574, or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:robert.kelly@ct.gov">robert.kelly@ct.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Dianna R. Wentzell Commissioner of Education

**Enclosure**