



CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Academic Growth: Best Practices & Small Group Discussions

**Performance Matters Forum
October 17, 2019**



Session Overview

- Goal: Provide an opportunity for education leaders to discuss key factors related to improving academic growth.
 - Discussion leaders from 6 districts demonstrating strong academic growth
 - You will participate in 3 discussions
 - Ask questions
 - Share your successes and challenges



Discussion Groups

Group	District/School	Group Leader(s)	CSDE Facilitator
1	John Barry Elementary School, Meriden	Lauren Bernachhia, Grade 5 Teacher Patti Sullivan Kowalski, Sr. Dir. of Student Supports & Special Education	Jim Moriarty, Special Education
2	George Hersey Robertson School, Coventry	Jennifer DeRagon, Principal	Kari Sullivan, Student Supports and Organizational Effectiveness
3	Clark Lane Middle School, Waterford	Craig Powers, Asst. Superintendent James Sachs, Principal Rob Cillino, Math Coach	Shakira Jacobs-Vazquez, Turnaround
4	Montville	Liz Dumond and Michele Lathrop, Elementary Math Coaches	Kim Wachtelhausen, Talent
5	RSD 13	Cori-Ann DiMaggio, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment	Claudine Primack, Talent
6	Naugatuck	Caroline Messenger, Director of Curriculum	Stephen Armstrong, Academics

Sticking to the Schedule

- 17-minute discussion
 - <https://savvytime.com/timer/17minute>
- 3-minute transition
 - <https://savvytime.com/timer/3minute>
- Wrapping up our time together
 - Please identify a takeaway and share with the group.



Let's Debrief

- Share something you learned today that you wouldn't want others to miss.
- What did you hear about today that you would like to explore further?
- Share a promising effort underway in your district/school to accelerate academic growth.



New Opportunities to Share



- Highlights districts addressing common issues and problems through innovative approaches, ideas and strategies that are producing successful outcomes.

For questions, comments or to share your own district's promising practices, please contact us at SDE.LearnGrowCT@ct.gov.



Sincere Thanks to all Presenters!

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