STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

DANNEL P. MALLOY

GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20

WHEREAS, Connecticut's future economic and societal success depends on improving student success rates and increasing the education level of our state's population; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut's workforce increasingly will need to access a high quality postsecondary education that enables them to achieve their life and career goals and makes Connecticut a place of engaged, globally competitive communities; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut must develop a unified educational system from early childhood through advanced graduate education supported by linked data systems in order to ensure that the state's educational system is training the future members of our workforce to meet the demands of the state's employers and economy; and

WHEREAS, early childhood education is essential to success in higher levels of education and the workforce; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut has one of the widest and most persistent educational achievement gaps in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the readiness of students for success depends on the delivery and assessment of instruction and experiences aligned to benchmarked college and career readiness standards from kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut's business community has advocated for a stronger educational system and has a vested interest in promoting a highly educated and skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, access to a world class workforce with the skills and credentials are necessary for Connecticut businesses and entrepreneurs to compete successfully and create new jobs, and

WHEREAS, state government and public and private institutions of education must work together to provide a comprehensive educational system, including the social services required to prepare all students to succeed;

WHEREAS, the P-20 Council was originally established pursuant to Executive Order 2A of Governor M. Jodi Rell, dated January 13, 2009; and

WHEREAS, in light of this administration's consolidation of early childhood and higher education reorganization, as well the enacted education reform through Public Act 12-116, the P-20 Council should be re-established and revitalized; and

WHEREAS, the Council will bring together stakeholders from early childhood, elementary and secondary schools, college and graduates schools, employers and industrial organizations/associations to integrate components of Connecticut's educational system with the workforce and economic development strategies of the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANNEL P. MALLOY, Governor of the State of Connecticut by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of the State of Connecticut do hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT** that:

1. The existing P-20 Council, established by Executive Order 2A of Governor M. Jodi Rell is hereby rescinded with the intention that it be immediately refilled as stated further herein; and

2. There is established a new P-20 Council housed at the Board of Regents for Higher Education for administrative and staffing purposes, which shall examine and develop policies that span the various levels of our state educational and workforce preparation system; and

3. The Council shall:

   a. Serve as an advisory group that will have the capacity and responsibility to raise issues, discuss new ideas, and develop initiatives to address how the state can build a unified educational system; and

   b. Create a structure in the education community to allow stakeholders to lend their experience, perspective and feedback to the educational leaders of our state; and

   c. Act as an advocacy organization to promote educational standards and reforms that are being undertaken from early childhood education through graduate education; and

4. The Council shall be chaired by the Governor as a non-voting member and comprised of the following:

   a. Ex officio voting members, who may designate an individual to participate in their place:

      1) Commissioner, State Department of Education (Vice-Chair)
      2) President, Board of Regents for Higher Education (Vice-Chair)
      3) Commissioner, Department of Economic and Community Development
      4) Commissioner, Department of Labor
      5) Commissioner, Department of Social Services
      6) Commissioner, Department of Children and Families
      7) President, University of Connecticut
      8) Early Childhood Planning Director, Office of Policy Management
      9) Vice-President (State Universities), Board of Regents for Higher Education
      10) Vice-President (Community Colleges), Board of Regents for Higher Education
      11) Chair, Connecticut Technical High School Governing Board
      12) Chair, Connecticut Employment and Training Commission
      13) President, Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges
      14) Executive Director, Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents
      15) Chair, Connecticut Association of Boards of Education
      16) Executive Director, Connecticut Association of Schools
      17) President, American Federation of Teachers (Connecticut Chapter)
      18) President, Connecticut Education Association
      19) President, Connecticut Federation of School Administrators
      20) President, Connecticut Charter School Association
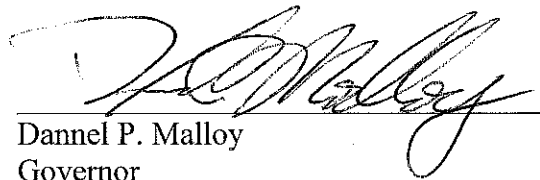   21) Chair, Regional Education Service Center Alliance

b. Representatives from educational institutions and organizations within the state to be chosen by their respective institutions/organizations:

22) President, CCIC Member Institution
23) Superintendent, CAPSS Member
24) Chair of a district Board of Education, CABE Member
25) Administrator, CAS Member
26) Educator (AFT-CT Affiliation)
27) Educator (CEA Affiliation)
28) Administrator, CFSA Member

c. Three individuals to be appointed by the Governor who represent the interests of parents and the Connecticut business community

This order shall take effect immediately.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this _/7 ½_ day of October 2012.

Dannel P. Malloy
Governor

By His Excellency's Order

Denise Merrill
Secretary of the State