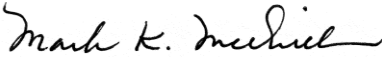




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Mark K. McQuillan 
Commissioner of Education

DATE: November 8, 2010

SUBJECT: Clarification Regarding Recent Changes to section 10-151b of the Connecticut General Statutes Regarding Teacher Evaluations

Section 4 of Public Act 10-111 revised section 10-151b of the Connecticut General Statutes to require that “multiple indicators of student academic growth” be included as a part of all teacher evaluations, effective July 1, 2010. However, the public act also revised 10-151b to require that such evaluations be conducted *pursuant to new* guidelines adopted by the State Board of Education, on or before July 1, 2013. Such guidelines are required to provide districts with guidance on the use of multiple indicators of student academic growth in teacher evaluations.

While the statutory change to require that “multiple indicators of student academic growth” be included as a part of teacher evaluations is effective July 1, 2010, the State Board guidelines to instruct districts on how to do so are not yet available.

The State Department of Education is advising districts to wait until the new guidelines have been adopted by the State Board of Education before revising the teacher evaluation process to include multiple indicators of student growth. The law requires that such evaluations be conducted in accordance with the new guidelines. Therefore, once those guidelines are adopted, if your existing teacher evaluation process conflicts with these guidelines in a substantial way, the evaluation process will have to be revised accordingly.

If you have questions, please contact the Division of Legal and Governmental Affairs at (860) 713-6520.