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Dear Colleagues,

The Neag School of Education, Department of Educational Leadership is now recruiting a new cohort of educational leaders for the Executive Leadership Program 2020-2021 cohort. The Executive Leadership Program prepares educational leaders for district leadership positions with a primary emphasis on the preparation for the position of superintendent of schools. The program provides prospective superintendents the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the challenges of the 21st century superintendency and results in endorsement for the Connecticut Superintendent Certification (093). The 13-month program is specifically designed with consideration of the professional and personal scheduling challenges of contemporary school leaders. The Executive Leadership Program has a well-established partnership with the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS).

This will be the 20th Executive Leadership Program cohort and at this time there are more than 70 ELP graduates serving as district leaders with 60+ now serving as Connecticut superintendents. We believe (and feedback from former participants confirms) that the success of program graduates is due in large measure to three program strengths. First, the program is designed around a cohort model which increases participant interaction and fosters a professional learning community around best practices in school district leadership; second, the ELP/CAPSS Internship with both a mentor superintendent and the superintendent from the participant’s home district provides a direct connection between theory and practice in real district leadership settings; and finally, program instructors include scholar-practitioners who ground course content in experiences and case studies that integrate district leadership theory and best practices. The Department of Educational Leadership has also recently established a pathway from the Executive Leadership Program to the Ed.D. Program. Interested ELP graduates can apply for acceptance in the Ed.D. Program and the majority of the credits earned in the Executive Leadership Program will carryover the Ed.D. Program.

Many of the Executive Leadership Program participants are being identified and encouraged to consider applying to the Executive Leadership Program by superintendents and/or graduates of the program. Your recommendations have been instrumental in attracting candidates with excellent district leadership potential. I invite and encourage you at this time to share our brochure (attached) and information on
upcoming Information Sessions with educational leaders who you believe have the promise and potential to serve as district leaders and superintendents.

Our commitment to develop the next generation of school district leaders is an important part of our own educational leadership commitment. I thank you in advance for your assistance and encourage you to contact me if you have questions or suggestions concerning the Executive Leadership Program.

Sincerely,

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Link to Information Session flyer:

Link to ELP brochure: