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## COMMISSIONER WENTZELL STATEMENT ON FEDERAL GUIDANCE REGARDING THE RIGHTS OF TRANSGENDER STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS

(HARTFORD, CT) – State Department of Education Commissioner Dianna R. Wentzell today released the following statement regarding joint guidance that was released from the U.S. Departments of Education and Justice to help provide educators with the information they need to ensure that all students, including transgender students, can attend school in an environment free from discrimination.

"All students have a right to go to school in a setting that is safe, welcoming and supportive. Connecticut has a history of standing up for the rights of all of our students. The Departments of Education and Justice are wise to release guidance that serves to protect transgender students from discrimination and harassment," said Commissioner of Education Dianna R. Wentzell.

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