



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
GOVERNOR DANIEL P. MALLOY

December 20, 2011

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I extend my enthusiastic and wholehearted support for the Connecticut Teacher of the Year Program.

Each and every one of us can remember that special teacher who made a lasting impression on our lives. Since 1952, the Connecticut Teacher of the Year Program has offered us a special opportunity to honor those outstanding teachers in our state. I commend the Connecticut Teacher of the Year Council – which plays an integral part in funding and conducting the award process – and the State Department of Education on their combined efforts in recognizing our state's finest teachers.

School districts that participate in this program have found that it positively affects their entire community and encourages the public to get involved and invest in their school systems. Recognizing and rewarding excellence in teaching showcases those in the profession who act as positive role models and gives students and the community a sense of pride in their educators.

As we move toward the next legislative session, during which my efforts will be focused on education issues and reform, I look forward to meeting with a number of Connecticut's 50,000 teachers who are responsible for molding and engaging our state's young minds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. P. Malloy".

Governor Daniel P. Malloy