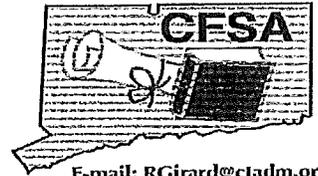




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RE: Support for Educators Professional Standards Boards.

I had the honor of serving as the first Chairperson of the Administrator Professional Standards Board. I served as Chairman for eleven years, (1992- 2003), and volunteered to remain on the Commission to serve as an Ex-Officio/Secretary from 2003- 2011.

The work of the commission has been one of securing administrator input on key issues in advising the SDE on a range of educator-related issues. We also gave considerable feedback on certification requirements and professional discipline standards. In fact our first order of business was to create an Administrator Code of Conduct. Four years ago we worked on revamping the discipline code which is now called the Code of Professional Responsibility for Educators, adopted on 10-24-2007. Over these many years the commission has worked closely with the SDE on many initiatives including the CAT Test (Ct. Administrator Test), the Common Core of Leading- Ct School Leadership Standards, etc..

The roster reflects the many organizations and legislative appointees who have worked amicably and professionally for many years.

I strongly urge to continuation of the Administrators Standards Board.

In fact we – CFSA-would support an independent Board which would have governance over certification and discipline and professional standards issues. We realize that this independent board would need the financial support from the state to sustain such a commission.

The goal would be to have a standards board similar to the Medical and Legal Professions Board, who have exclusive governance over their members.

I would also suggest that a parent participant from the CT-PTA be appointed to the Advisory Board. In an area where parental involvement is encouraged and is needed, such an appointment would be beneficial to the board.

If an independent board is not feasible, if nothing else, I would encourage that the present Teacher and Administrator Advisory Boards continue to serve in their present capacity. They are a very important commission that enhances our profession.

Thank you.