Dear Students,

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and the State Board of Education are very interested in hearing from students as educators plan to re-open school in the fall. The CSDE has partnered with the RESC Alliance to establish a ThoughtExchange to gather student voices. You may have already received the email below from your RESC director.

Please share the message below with students in your district. Encourage them to participate in the ThoughtExchange and share their thoughts. While we expect that students in Grade 5 and up will be best able to participate in the exchange, feel free to share with younger students if you feel that they can express their views through the exchange as well. Thank you.

Dear Connecticut Student,

We know that current events related to Covid-19 have caused major disruption in the lives of students. The sudden move to distance learning has been a challenge for all of us. As this school year comes to an end, we would like to hear ideas from students like you on how to improve distance learning should we need it again for some part of next school year. The feedback gathered here will be shared with the Commissioner of Education, the State Board of Education, and other leaders across the state as they consider decisions on reopening.

ThoughtExchange keeps confidential who shared each thought and who assigned what ratings.   You can rate as many thoughts as you'd like before moving on to Discover where you can see all the thoughts sorted by the average star rating. The entire process is described in the introduction. Thank you for participating in this important conversation.

Notes about this process:

1. It could take you as little as 5 - 10 minutes to participate.
2. You can complete questions at your own pace and come back to review your answers at any time.
3. There are three ways you can access the Thoughtexchange
    - Please click HERE https://my.thoughtexchange.com/542224813 to participate.
    - Go to   www.thoughtexchange.com click on the "Join" button and enter the code 542-224-813
    - Download the Thoughtexchange app (IOS) only, click on the "Join" button and enter the code 542-224-813

Thank you for participating in this effort.