



August 9, 2019

To our partners, colleagues, past and present Parent Trust grantees, and friends,

The State Education Resource Center and the Connecticut Parent Information and Resource Center (SERC/CT PIRC) has administered the Parent Trust Fund since 2010. During this time, the Fund has experienced a range of fiscal circumstances: from being fully funded, with matching funds from the William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund, to uncertainty whether it would be part of the legislative budget at all. Throughout these fiscal challenges, the advocacy and dedication of so many civic warriors have been clear and why the funding, although reduced, continues to exist. However, with this significant reduction of funds and with our commitment to ensure that the funding goes directly to the communities, SERC/CT PIRC, in collaboration with our CT State Department of Education (CSDE) partners, has made the decision to transfer the administration of the Fund to CSDE.

The decision was not made lightly, since SERC/CT PIRC has developed great collaborative partnerships with so many grantees and amazing Parent Leadership Programs across the state. It has been an honor to serve the state with this work that has empowered countless parents through PLTI, Parent SEE, PEP and other parent leadership training programs.

Should you have any questions regarding the transition, please contact Nicole Vitale at 860-632-1485, ext. 234. Otherwise, your new contact, Judy Carson at CSDE, will conduct all future correspondence.

Thank you for your support of the Parent Trust Fund program and the parents of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ingrid M. Canady'.

Ingrid M. Canady
Executive Director