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## **Six Prominent Connecticut Education and Business Groups to Announce Common Goals for 2012 Legislative Session**

*Unprecedented collaboration takes place at the start of the "Education Session"*

**HARTFORD, CT (February 14, 2012)** . In an unprecedented display of unity, six of the state's leading education and business organizations joined together to announce their shared priorities for the 2012 legislative session. The Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS), Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS), Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE), Connecticut Coalition for Achievement Now (ConnCAN), Connecticut Council for Education Reform (CCER) and the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA) came together to participate in a joint press conference held at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford today to state their common position on important educational challenges facing our state.

This is a critical moment in time for Connecticut education reform. These six groups have broad-based influence and the ability to lend strength to specific strategies we believe will work to improve educational outcomes and increase learning opportunities for all young people in Connecticut.

The leadership of each organization worked together over the last few weeks to find common positions on the following key issues:

- Educator Preparation and Certification
- Teacher Evaluation and Support
- Principal Evaluation and Support
- Relationship Between Time and Learning
- School and District Accountability
- Pre-Kindergarten
- Education Contract Negotiations

While each organization has their own list of legislative priorities for the 2012 session, they are hopeful that their effort to collaborate in the above outlined areas will lend support to the legislative process toward moving in a consistent and coherent direction.

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