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Dear Early Care and Education Advocate,

Last November, Connecticut received a special visit from Dr. Jacqueline Jones, Senior Advisor for Early Learning to the U.S. Department of Education. I along with early care supporters and policy makers from across the state, came together in Meriden that day to discuss our shared vision for achieving excellence in Connecticut's Early Care and Education System. I thank Connecticut's Early Childhood Alliance, Meriden Children First and Connecticut Parent Power for organizing this valuable gathering.

I left this event inspired to do more in this region to strengthen our work toward reaching this important goal for our young people. In that regard, I am pleased to be hosting the area's first "North Central Regional Summit on Early Care and Education." I am especially honored to be partnering on this project with both the Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance and Enfield KITE (Key Initiatives to Early Education) as we bring together our local children's champions to share resources and develop a vision specific to our region.

The meeting will take place on **Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield. We are very pleased to have David Nee, Executive Director of the William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund and Ann Pratt, Executive Director, of the Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance attending to provide insight and remarks. Our purpose that day will be:

- \* To provide an opportunity to share information and resources,
- \* Create a regional vision for early care and education in North Central Connecticut,
- \* Discuss ways to improve upon data collection, standards, and Assessment measures, and
- \* Learn about Early Care and Education Legislative Initiatives.

I invite you to join us and be a part of taking action to improve the system of early care and education for our kids. There is no cost to this event to participate. We do ask that you R.S.V.P. to my legislative aide, Jeff Shaw at, [Jeffrey.Shaw@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Shaw@cga.ct.gov) or (860) 240-8585. I hope to see you.

Sincerely,

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