



## RESC Alliance Legislative Priorities 2011

Connecticut's RESCs are six school-based partnerships created by school districts and based on legislation enacted over 40 years ago to provide high-quality, cost-effective services to Connecticut's school districts. The RESCs work collaboratively as the CT RESC Alliance.

The RESCs — locally governed by representatives from member boards of education — will advocate for the following issues during the 2011 session of the General Assembly:

### ■ **Regional Partnerships to Improve Fiscal Efficiency**

The RESC Alliance seeks to encourage and promote regional collaboration among boards of education and local governments to realize cost savings to the state and municipalities in difficult economic times.

### ■ **Regional Cooperation to Close the Achievement Gap**

The RESC Alliance supports the state incentive for voluntary partnerships on a regional basis to close the achievement gap.

### ■ **Support Existing Regional Infrastructure**

Each of the RESCs, both individually and collaboratively, maintains a regional infrastructure to facilitate high-quality programs and services to school districts at a lower cost. The RESC Alliance urges the General Assembly to maintain the existing support for regional cooperation.

### ■ **Early Childhood Initiative**

Connecticut RESCs have been leaders in quality early childhood initiatives around the state. We are uniquely positioned to support the implementation of a wide range of educational early childhood programs and services.

*Education partnerships dedicated to making our schools more efficient and effective*