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## **Ellington Public Schools Announces Passage of High School Graduation Date Legislation**

**ELLINGTON, CT** – The Ellington Board of Education is pleased to announce the passage of Public Act No. 19-195 An Act Concerning the Establishment of a Firm Graduation Date.

This law allows local Boards of Education to set a firm graduation date no earlier than the 180<sup>th</sup> day of the board-adopted school calendar for that year. This means that should school be canceled due to inclement weather or for other reasons, local Boards are not required to change the graduation date even though seniors will graduate attending less than 180 school days.

"The Ellington Board of Education proposed and advocated for this common sense and family centered legislation that benefits all school districts across the State," said Michael J. Purcaro, Vice Chairman of the Ellington Board of Education. "We worked closely with our legislators in both the House and Senate, on a bipartisan basis, and are delighted that the Governor has signed this bill into law."

"This legislation provides our boards of education greater predictability that should lead to cost-savings for our local taxpayers and greater certainty for Connecticut students and families," said State Rep. Christopher Davis. "I am thankful to the Ellington Board of Education and Superintendent Scott Nicol for bringing this issue to my attention, and I am happy that I was able to quickly generate bipartisan support to get the bill passed this session."

The Ellington Board of Education recognizes the co-chairs and ranking members of the state legislature's Education Committee and the House and Senate majority and minority leaders for their bipartisan support. The Connecticut Association of School Superintendents, including Derby Superintendent Matt Conway and Windsor Superintendent Craig Cooke, and the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education provided invaluable support.

The Ellington Board of Education appreciates the sponsors of the bill:

Rep. Tom Arnone, 58 <sup>th</sup>	Rep. Tom Delnicki, 14 <sup>th</sup>	Rep. William A. Petit, 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Rep. Tim Ackert, 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rep. Doug Dubitsky, 47 <sup>th</sup>	Rep. Pat Wilson Pheanious, 53 <sup>rd</sup>
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Rep. Christopher Davis, 57 <sup>th</sup>	Rep. Carol Hall, 59 <sup>th</sup>	Rep. Tami Zawistowski, 61 <sup>st</sup>
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