

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Fred Latour, President, Faculty Senate

VIA: Dr. Zulma R. Toro
President



FROM: Dr. Kimberly T. Kostelis
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs



DATE: January 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Name Change: School of Education and Professional Studies

With the approval from the Board of Regents to establish the College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, we are embracing the opportunity to recognize some of the history of Central Connecticut State University (Central) by *renaming the School of Education and Professional Studies to the School of Education*. Central's humble beginnings date back to 1849 with the establishment of the New Britain Normal School, Connecticut's first teacher training institute! In 1933, the school began granting 4-yr degrees and became Teachers College of Connecticut. The institution continued to grow and expand, eventually adopting CENTRAL as part of its name, and adding additional schools and colleges to ultimately become Central Connecticut State University in 1983. Soon we will have 5 distinct schools or colleges, each offering an array of quality programs that prepare students to meet today's challenges. Once again having a School of Education, while somewhat returning to our roots, provides the opportunity to have a school that solely focuses on education, allowing us to regain our position in Connecticut as the higher education institution for teacher preparation. We anticipate the renaming of the school to the School of Education, concomitant with the establishment of the College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.