STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

NED LAMONT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9D

PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC – EXTENSION OF LIMITS ON ALCOHOL SALES WITHOUT FOOD AND FLEXIBILITY IN EDUCATIONAL IT CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I declared public health and civil preparedness emergencies throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2020, I renewed the March 10, 2020 declaration of public health and civil preparedness emergencies and also issued new declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, which new and renewed emergencies shall remain in effect until February 9, 2021, unless earlier terminated; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such declarations, I have issued seventy-one (71) executive orders to suspend or modify statutes and to take other actions necessary to protect public health and safety and to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic (the "COVID-19 Orders"); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic remains a grave threat to public health and safety and civil preparedness in the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, public health experts have determined that it is possible to transmit COVID-19 even before a person shows symptoms and through aerosol transmission; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to slow transmission of COVID-19,

including limitation on the size of gatherings, maintaining a safe distance from others, and wearing masks or face coverings; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has caused unanticipated health effects that are not well understood by the medical community, no vaccine or effective treatment for COVID-19 has been approved or made available for wide distribution, and residents, businesses, and government agencies face new and unanticipated economic, fiscal, and operational challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, because of the likelihood of patrons gathering in close proximity, service of alcohol without food or table service remains a high-risk activity that presently poses too great a risk of leading to increased transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 7I, Section 5 permitted temporary waiver by the Commissioner of Education of certain provisions of Sections 10-234aa through 10-234dd of the Connecticut General Statutes, related to certain requirements that vendors providing various data and technology services agree in writing to privacy protections for student data, and there continues to be the urgent need for flexible technology use to allow students to learn remotely to decrease the risk of transmission of COVID-19 within schools; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Education continues to have alternative means to assure that student data is afforded privacy protections, including federal student privacy laws, without the use of a written contract, when balanced with the urgency of providing such continued remote educational opportunities in order to protect the health and safety of students throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NED LAMONT, Governor of the State of Connecticut, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Connecticut, and pursuant to the public health and civil preparedness emergencies declared on March 10, 2020 and renewed on September 1, 2020 and the new public health and civil preparedness emergencies declared on September 1, 2020, do hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT:**

1. **Extension of Prohibition on Sale of Alcohol by Certain Permittees Without the Sale of Food.** The provisions of Executive Order No. 7D, Section 2 not previously repealed, and as amended by Executive Order Nos. 7G, 7T, and 7ZZ, which prohibit the sale of alcohol by certain permittees without the sale of food, shall remain in effect until November 9, 2020, unless earlier modified or terminated.

2. **Extension of Contracting Flexibility Related to Student Data Privacy Act.** The provisions of Executive Order No. 7I, Section 5 shall remain in effect through January 31, 2021 and be applicable to all local and regional boards of education that are providing remote learning opportunities under any educational model.

Unless otherwise specified herein, this order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until November 9, 2020.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 25th day of September, 2020.

Ned Lamont
Governor

By His Excellency's Command

Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State