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Statement by
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A generation of Connecticut's young people, the core of our state's future, will now have a better opportunity to reach their potential. Governor Rell, legislative leaders - Senate President Williams, Speaker Amann, Senate Minority Leader McKinney, and House Minority Leader Cafero - and the members of the General Assembly are to be commended for their vision and steadfast commitment to our students and our state.

The benefits of CSUS 2020 will accrue not only to students and their families, but to our economy and the quality of life in Connecticut for years to come. Moving forward with this long-term capital investment plan is a significant step not only for Central, Eastern, Southern and Western, but for Connecticut.

Make no mistake: the focus of CSUS 2020 is squarely on Connecticut. That's because 93 percent of CSUS students come from Connecticut, and 86 percent – nearly nine of every ten – stay in our state after graduation. With more than 35,000 students, CSUS is Connecticut's largest university system, and the four comprehensive universities are truly the heart and soul of Connecticut.

Education has long been the hallmark of Connecticut, and today reaffirms that even as technology advances and global competition becomes more acute, Connecticut is committed to providing its young people with the tools they need to succeed and excel.

From day one, the CSUS 2020 plan has received bi-partisan support, reflecting the dedication of Connecticut's elected leaders, regardless of political affiliation, to the next generation of young people. We will continue to work closely with elected officials and the state agencies providing oversight every step of the way to ensure that Connecticut students receive the first-class education they expect and deserve.

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