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## Rep. Cook Joins Northwestern CT Community College Advisory Board on Programs for Deaf Students

**State Rep. Michelle Cook** (D-Torrington) has accepted an invitation to serve as the new legislative member of Northwestern CT Community College's advisory board for the Collegiate Education for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing program (CEDHH).

NCCC's program is the only program in Connecticut that provides collegiate support services to the deaf community. The advisory board provides recommendations to CEDHH on programs for deaf and hard of hearing students.

"I'm honored to join NCCC's advisory board for programming for deaf and hard of hearing students. Our public colleges should be accessible to all students, and as home to the only program in Connecticut of this nature NCCC is providing a vital service," **Rep. Cook** said. "This program is just one example of how our community colleges help people from all walks of life get ahead."

"We are delighted to welcome Rep. Cook to the CEDHH Advisory Board here at the College. Having Michelle's insights on legislative issues will be invaluable as we develop our programs to benefit the deaf community," NCCC president Dr. Michael Rooke said. "I am most grateful to her for agreeing to serve not only this program, but since this is a unique program in higher education in Connecticut, it further strengthens opportunities for students across the whole state."

Rep. Cook was invited to join the board by Dr. Rooke.

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