

# CNHT - Position Paper #2004-002

*“Eye on Granite State government”*

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This the CNHT original/~~updated~~ position.

Bill # or Issue: Improvement of public education quality

**CNHT Recommends: Adoption of instruction by best instructors via internet.**

Endorsement:

Computer assisted learning is also called ‘distance learning’ and at other times ‘on-line tutorial’. The largest enrollment institution of learning in the United States is the University of Phoenix with instruction to the doctorate level using computer assisted learning. The success of this institution alone would lead to the conclusion that public school students could also be taught ‘online’. The objective: have the master teachers of any subject, or lessons within a subject, providing the best exposure and guidance to anyone.

The obvious benefit is raising the attainment level of instruction while also making available unlimited course variety to even a single student at home or in a sparsely populated school administrative unit. Why settle for an ‘adequate’ education level when the very best is available somewhere in the Granite State and simply needs an audio/visual presentation to benefit all students and all interested taxpayers for that matter.

The cost savings through reduced staffing would be tremendous and could eliminate the need for a state wide property tax. The current cost per pupil exceeds \$7,800 per student. Why not make the best quality instruction available to everyone and eliminate duplication of instruction.

Objections:

Highly paid administrators who do the same curriculum work in all SAUs object to the elimination of these supervisory positions. The educrats fear any reduction in their budgets. They currently pay no heed to the financial burden of the taxpayer.

**Coalition of New Hampshire Taxpayers recommends that the legislature:** support the establishment of online instruction as a method to improve the quality of education while reducing the education budgets in the individual towns.

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