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## Rep. McCrory Joins Education Leaders at National Summit on Teacher Diversity

*Joins Teacher of the Year Jahana Hayes, U.S. Secretary of Education*



Left: *Rep. Douglas McCrory with National Teacher of the Year Jahana Hayes and Dr. Shuana K. Tucker*  
Right: *Rep. Douglas McCrory with U.S. Secretary of Education John King, Jr.*

**Rep. Douglas McCrory** (D-Hartford) recently joined national leaders on education at the National Summit on Teacher Diversity in Washington, D.C. held by the U.S. Department of Education. The Summit highlights the need for more teachers of color in schools across the country.

Rep. McCrory joined educational leaders like Jahana Hayes, a Waterbury High School teacher who was recently announced as the 2016 National Teacher of the Year, and U.S. Secretary of Education John King, Jr.

“I was honored to attend the summit along with leaders in education such as Teacher of the Year Jahana Hayes, who is a shining example right here in Connecticut of the impact that teachers of color have on their students,” **Rep. McCrory** said. “Research shows that students of color do better when they see educators who look like them in the classroom. How we can recruit more teachers of color is a conversation we must be having if we want to improve educational outcomes for all children.”

Rep. McCrory has championed a bill recently passed by the Connecticut legislature that seeks to recruit more teachers of color through improvements to the Minority Teacher Recruitment Task Force. The legislation expands the size and scope of the task force, calls for a review of current state recruitment efforts for teachers of color, and would establish pathways for existing school employees to gain teacher certification.

“As both an educator and a legislator, I was proud to be able to share what Connecticut is doing – through our legislation to improve minority teacher recruitment – in these discussions on the national level,” **Rep. McCrory** said.

Rep. McCrory is a Vice Principal at CREC Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts.

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