



## Connecticut Education Network

**CEN Benefits** provides **SAVINGS** for all of its members by aggregating operational costs, which result in volume service discounts.

- **COST EFFICIENCIES:** The cost for network use on CEN has dropped substantially every year for the past 14 years. Our members use more and pay the same or less than they did in prior years. This is like having a multi-year contract with bandwidth provisions that can increase without cost hikes.
- **FILTERING:** CEN provides a consolidated content filtering capability that saves individual organizations from procuring and maintaining these solutions. By leveraging a statewide agreement, CEN offers an extremely low-cost option.
- **RELIABILITY:** CEN has been providing a reliable network for the past 14 years, ensuring timely upgrades, increasing connectivity speeds, and responding to unique member situations to ensure uninterrupted access.
- **SCALABILITY:** CEN remains uniquely positioned to meet the specific, growing demands of schools, libraries, towns and research centers. We remain committed to meeting those needs while minimizing costs. Annually we see 40-60% increase in traffic from participants on the network.
- **SECURITY:** CEN provides, at no additional cost, a mitigation capability that can help stop malicious attacks before they reach your organization providing a more secure computing environment since cyber attacks such as distributed denial of service (DDoS) incidents are becoming more widespread and disruptive.
- **SERVICE:** CEN provides 24x7x365 monitoring and remediation for service outages. Our technical staff can quickly resolve or prevent disruptions, often before they become problems to you.
- **STAFF COSTS:** Having CEN manage RFP development bid review, eRate filing, procurement oversight and back-office financial management of circuits and network services saves you time and expense. Researching, negotiating and managing these agreements are cost saving for your organization.