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DiPENTIMA, J., dissenting. I agree with and join parts I B and II of Justice Espinosa's dissenting opinion. However, I do not join part I A of that opinion, which concludes that the plain language of General Statutes § 10-153f provides that Teacher Negotiation Act arbitration panels are subunits of the Department of Education. Additionally, I agree with and join Justice McDonald's dissenting opinion, except to the extent that he agrees with part I A of Justice Espinosa's dissenting opinion.

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