



Connecticut State Department of Education

August 2013 Update for District Contacts for Paraeducator Issues

Congratulations to the District Nominees for the 2014 Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year Award!

The following paraeducators were nominated by their districts for the Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year Award. The Paraeducator of the Year, and all district nominees, will be recognized during the State Education Resource Center (SERC's) 18th Annual Statewide Conference, Paraprofessionals as Partners on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza, Cromwell. Congratulations to the following district nominees and thank you for all you do on behalf of Connecticut's children!

Kelly Banker	Franklin Public Schools
Carol Bittner	Coventry Public Schools
Linda Blotney	West Haven Public Schools
Robert Boudreau	North Branford Public Schools
Kimberly Boulay	Stafford Public Schools
Joseph Bowman	Canton Public Schools
Julius Britt	Cooperative Education Services (CES)
Georgina Cabrera	Wallingford Public Schools
Kathleen Caisso	Griswold Public Schools
Lodamia Clark	Mansfield Public Schools
Donna Cummings	Hamden Public Schools
Claudia Deary	Watertown Public Schools
Ramonita Franco	Hartford Public Schools
Maryanne Harmuth	Madison Public Schools
Michelle Kean	Waterbury Public Schools
Barbara Ann Libby	Colchester Public Schools
Ryan Minton	Avon Public Schools
Susan Moak	Somers Public Schools
Anne Marie Murphy	Newtown Public Schools
Kim Reid	Berlin Public Schools
Catherine Riccio	Southington Public Schools
Donna Rice	Montville Public Schools
Anne Marie Wickersham	East Hartford Public Schools
Maura Yetter	Gilbert School

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Governor Malloy Signs *Public Act No. 13-10*:

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARAPROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Public Act No. 13-10 made the following changes to the School Paraprofessional Advisory Council: adds representatives from each of the exclusive bargaining units for certified employees, two representatives from the regional educational service centers, and a school administrator, appointed by the Connecticut Federation of School Administrators. It also grants the Council the permission to advise the Commissioner of Education, or his designee, on matters related to appropriate staffing strategies for paraprofessionals and other relevant issues relating to paraprofessionals. Below is the list of current members.

Name	Position	Organization
Tenisha Baker	Paraeducator 2013 Paraeducator of the Year	East Hartford Public Schools
Regina Birdsell	Assistant Executive Director	Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS)
Anthony Brisson	Consultant	SERC
Marcia Cattanach	Paraeducator	Hartford Public Schools, representing American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Connecticut
Stacey Cannon Cronk	Special Education Teacher	CES
Heather Dawes	Education Services Specialist	SERC
Patti Fusco	Teacher	West Haven Public Schools representing American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Connecticut
Rhonda Kempton	Education Consultant	Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE)
Peg McIntyre	Paraeducator	Newtown Public Schools representing International Federation of Professional and Technical Employees (IFPTE)
Annie MacDonald	Field Organizer	United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America
Donna Morelli	Consultant	Capitol Region Education Council (CREC)
Kim Patella	Teacher	New Milford Public Schools Representing the Connecticut Education Association (CEA)
Niloufar Rezai	Interim Director	Child and Family Development Resource Center, Eastern CT State University
Janet Scialdone	Program Coordinator	CREC
Bill Walkauskas	Paraeducator	Area Cooperative Education Services (ACES)
Loyola Welsh	Education Director and Steward Coordinator	Connecticut Employees United International (CEUI)
Iris White	Commissioner's Designee Education Consultant	CSDE