



Connecticut State Department of Education May 2013 Update for District Contacts for Paraprofessional Issues

Reminder-Deadline to Apply for the Anne Marie Murphy Paraprofessional of the Year Award is June 7th!

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and the School Paraprofessional Advisory Council have renamed the Connecticut Paraprofessional of the Year Award to the Anne Marie Murphy Paraprofessional of the Year Award in honor of Anne Marie Murphy, a special education paraprofessional who died a hero on December 14, 2012, protecting her students at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. Anne Marie was born July 25, 1960, in Mount Kisco, New York, the daughter of Dr. Hugh and Alice McGowan of Katonah and graduated from St. Mary's School in Katonah, John F. Kennedy High School in Somers, New York and Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, Connecticut with an MS degree in Education. Anne leaves behind four courageous young adults, Kelly, a teacher at Newtown High School, Colleen, recently graduated from the University of New Haven, Thomas, a second-year nursing student at Western Connecticut State University and Paige a senior at Newtown High School who will be attending UCONN.

Additional information regarding the Award, can be found on the CSDE Paraprofessional Information and Resources page: www.ct.gov/sde/para-cali. The nomination form, letters of recommendation and application form must be postmarked by Friday, June 7, 2013, and sent to:

Iris White
Education Consultant
Connecticut Paraprofessional of the Year Program
CSDE
165 Capitol Ave. Room 227
Hartford, CT 06106

The Anne Marie Murphy Paraprofessional of the Year will be announced during the Annual statewide SERC Paraprofessionals as Partners Conference on November 14, 2013, (please see below for more information regarding the conference.)

The Paraprofessional of the Year will become a member of the School Paraprofessional Advisory Council and will represent Connecticut at the annual National Resource Center for Paraeducators Conference.



SAVE THE DATE!

SERC's 18th Annual Statewide Conference: Paraprofessionals as Partners

November 14, 2013, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, Connecticut

For more information, please contact Tyrese Bolden, 860-632-1485 x210

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**In recognition of National Paraprofessional and Interpreter Appreciation Day,
Governor Dannel P. Malloy issued the following proclamation.**



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

WHEREAS, Connecticut is home to more than 14,000 paraprofessionals who provide services in multiple settings within a school, including instructional support; student activities; and numerous tasks that contribute to educational success; and

WHEREAS, the support and services provided by paraprofessionals are integral to student achievement and effective Connecticut schools; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut and the Connecticut State Department of Education are committed to excellence in education and recognize the role that paraprofessionals play in ensuring educational success; now

THEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim April 3, 2013 as

PARAPROFSSIONAL APPRECIATION DAY
in the State of Connecticut.



GOVERNOR

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