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## Governor Rell Appoints Bobroske to State Board of Education

Governor M. Jodi Rell has appointed Beverly Bobroske of Bristol to serve a two-year term on the Connecticut State Board of Education. Bobroske succeeds Annika Warren of Hartford, who resigned.

"Beverly has dedicated her life to public service and to improving public education in Connecticut," Governor Rell said. "She has extensive experience in every aspect of education policy, from personnel to curriculum to special education.

"Beverly has served on local, state, and national education panels," Governor Rell said. "She has earned widespread praise and respect for her advocacy and compassion for Connecticut's students. She will be an excellent addition to the Board.

"Our State Board of Education ensures that checks and balances are in place for bringing a first class education to all students in Connecticut. It is incumbent upon the state to provide quality education for all of its children."

Bobroske has served on the Bristol Board of Education. She has received several gubernatorial appointments to state task forces and commissions. These include the Legislative Commission for School Transportation Safety and the Governor's Commission for Education Administrator Professional Standards. Bobroske has served as a voting delegate to four National School Board Association Conferences.

In her professional life, Bobroske taught fifth grade and served as a guidance counselor for grades six, seven and eight at Harry S. Fisher School in Plymouth.

A member of the Capitol Regional Education Council (CREC) Board of Directors, Bobroske also served as President of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) from 2000 to 2003.

Bobroske received undergraduate and masters degrees from Central Connecticut State University.

The State Board of Education has general supervision and control over the educational interests of the state, including preschool through adult education, curriculum and instruction, teacher preparation, and research and evaluation. It also serves as the board of education for the state's 17 regional vocational-technical schools. Connecticut has 166 public school districts serving over 570,000 students. The Board oversees a \$1.3 billion budget, primarily consisting of grants to school districts. The Board works closely with the Governor, General Assembly, Commissioner of Education and local boards of education.