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Ciccone Appointed Superintendent of Connecticut Technical High School System

Pat Ciccone, an experienced educator and administrator, was appointed superintendent of schools for Connecticut Technical High School System (CTHSS) today at the February meeting of the Connecticut State Board of Education. She has served as interim superintendent of the 10,000 student system for the past seven months. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Ciccone began her affiliation with CTHSS as Assistant Principal of Ellis Tech in Danielson, and advanced to become Principal of Windham Tech in Willimantic. She later served as Consultant for Professional Development for the technical high school system, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, and became Interim Superintendent of CTHSS in July 2009.

According to Commissioner McQuillan, "Pat's knowledge of all trade and academic curricula, and her leadership role in school-based and district administration give her a unique perspective on how education works (and how it should work) in our system. Strongly committed to student success, and devoted to the value of technical education, Pat is a staunch advocate for school improvement; making the critical connections to targeted professional development, developing standards-based curriculum with aligned assessments, incorporating data in decision making, and the promise of secondary school reform initiatives in our state's technical school system. She has done an outstanding job as interim superintendent; I am pleased to make her appointment permanent."

Prior to her work with the CTHSS, Ciccone's professional experience includes work in Career and Human Resources consulting where she gained insight into the areas of workforce development and labor economics, followed by a successful career with the Community College System at both Manchester and Tunxis Community Colleges, where she advanced from positions in Career Services and Counseling, to serving as Coordinator of Academic Advising and Director of Student Development. In addition, she has served as both adjunct faculty and university supervisor with the Dept. of Graduate Education at Sacred Heart University for 14 years, working with aspiring teachers and administrators.

"Given Pat Ciccone's rich experience as leader across the educational spectrum, her passion for technical education's role as an urgent need in Connecticut's future and her dedication to the students and staff at CTHSS, she is highly qualified to lead and strengthen the Connecticut Technical High School System," said McQuillan.

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Building upon an initial B.A. and secondary certification in English from Annhurst College, Ciccone began her career in education, teaching English at Norwich Free Academy, while completing master's equivalency graduate work in Special Education. She completed an M.A. in Counseling, Labor Economics and Educational Administration at Norwich University in Vermont, and holds State of CT, Licensed Professional Counselor credentials. She continued her education and earned CT Intermediate Administrator Certification (092) and the Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies, Sixth Year in Educational Leadership at Sacred Heart University. Recently, returning to studies again, she completed additional post-graduate study in Educational Research at the University of Hull in the UK, and at Central Connecticut State University, where she completed advanced graduate coursework and the CT Superintendent Certification (093).

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