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DR. NIVEA TORRES NAMED SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CONNECTICUT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM

(HARTFORD, CT)—The Connecticut State Board of Education yesterday appointed Dr. Nivea Torres as superintendent of the Connecticut Technical High School System (CTHSS). Dr. Torres was selected jointly by the Connecticut Technical High School System’s Governing Board and Commissioner of Education Stefan Pryor. Her appointment was unanimously approved by the Connecticut State Board of Education.

Dr. Torres has served as the technical system’s interim superintendent since January 1, 2013.

Connecticut Technical High School System Governing Board Chairman Robert Trefry said, “Since joining the technical system, Dr. Torres has distinguished herself as an incredibly capable and tireless leader. She continues to move the technical system forward in better preparing our students for the 21st-century workforce and college. Her accomplishments and her aptitude make Dr. Torres the best candidate to realize our shared vision for building a world-class technical high school system.”

Commissioner Pryor said, “Dr. Torres has shown strong leadership and great skill in her capacity as interim superintendent. In the interview process, Dr. Torres demonstrated that she is the most qualified and best choice for leading the CTHSS. With Dr. Torres at the helm, we look forward to continued improvements in programming and expanded opportunities for our students. We also look forward to finalizing and advancing a new strategic vision for the system.”

Dr. Torres said, “I am honored and grateful for this opportunity to continue to serve our students and faculty of the technical high school system. As we expect more of our students, so should we of ourselves. Preparing our students for future success entails that we create a technical system that keeps pace with the demands of the workforce. I am eager to further the progress we have made toward preparing our students for success in college and careers.”

Previous to her appointment as interim superintendent, Dr. Torres served as the technical system’s assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction since August 2010. Before that role, she was principal of the Windham Center School, served as bilingual coordinator and curriculum specialist for Windham Public Schools, and was a language arts and English as a second language (ESL) teacher within the district. Dr. Torres has also served as adjunct professor of curriculum at the University of Connecticut’s Neag School of Education. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in foreign service and international politics, a master’s degree in English as a second language, and a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction.

CTHSS currently operates 16 degree-granting technical high schools, one technical education center, and two aviation maintenance programs located throughout the state. The system serves approximately 11,200 full-time high school and adult day students, with comprehensive education and training in 36 occupational areas and 2,000 apprenticeship students.

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