



Congratulations to the 2016 Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year Award District Nominees

Karen Barlow -------Weston Public Schools Rosemary Brancato -------Wallingford Public Schools Virginia Briggs ------Stafford Public Schools Carol Brearton Larsen -----North Branford Public Schools Courtney Caswell ------Berlin Public Schools Andrea Cerboni ------Southington Public Schools Mary D'Amico ------Ansonia Public Schools **Emelania Downes** ------New Britain Public Schools Susan Enright -----Stratford Public Schools Carol Ann Geer ------Griswold Public Schools Elizabeth Lisa Harrington ----- New Fairfield Public Schools Lisa Harris ------Preston Public Schools Rhiannon Harvey ------Bristol Public Schools Amanda Hull ------Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) Danielle Johnson ------Odyssey Community School Andrea Stever Lennon ------- Mansfield Public Schools Cathy Lewis -----Colchester Public Schools Patricia MacDonald ------Simsbury Public Schools Christine Melnyk ------Avon Public Schools Trisha Milewski ------Milford Public Schools Lisa Narayanan -----Newtown Public Schools Suzanne Noreika -----Torrington Public Schools **Doreen Pelletier -----**Coventry Public Schools Pamela Queen ------Derby Public Schools Keri Renner ------East Hartford Public Schools Ana Santiago -----New London Public Schools Denise R. Seel ------Hartford Public Schools Elaine Smith -----Plainfield Public Schools Luz Solano-----Greenwich Public Schools Jamie Toppin -----Cooperative Educational Services (CES) Laura Trafidlo ------Canton Public Schools Joslyn Turcott -----Oxford Public Schools Debbie Varnauskas -----Somers Public Schools Evelyn Vuernick -----Rocky Hill Public Schools Janet Wrobel------Montville Public Schools Linda Zampino ------Madison Public Schools

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Connecticut State Department of Education June 2015 Update for District Contacts for Paraeducator Issues

SUMMER SYMPOSIUM SERIES:

SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT OF PARAEDUCATORS

The University of Connecticut A.J. Pappanikou Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education (UCEDD) and the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) are hosting a symposium focused on helping school districts to improve their supervision and management of paraeducators.

WHEN: Monday and Tuesday, July 20-21, 2015

WHERE: UCONN Greater Hartford Campus, 85 Lawler Road, West Hartford, CT 06117

TIMES: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Daily

COST: \$50

QUESTIONS?: Please contact Christine Sullivan, <u>chsullivan@uchc.edu</u> or call: 860-679-1500.

TWO NEW LOCATIONS FOR INTERNET-BASED PARAPRO ASSESSMENT

The ParaPro Assessment is a test developed by Educational Testing Service (ETS) and adopted by the Connecticut State Board of Education to comply with the No Child Left Behind Act. The following are two newly established locations to take the ParaPro Assessment in Connecticut.

• Sterling School District, Sterling Conn. (near Plainfield Connecticut in the EASTCONN RESC Region)

Contact: Beverly Boyd at 1-860-564-4219 bboyd@sterlingschool.org

• Wendell Cross Elementary, Waterbury, Connecticut

Contact: Amanda Gilligan at: agilligan@waterbury.k12.ct.us

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