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Governor Rell Appoints Shelton Resident Farrell to State Board of Education

Governor M. Jodi Rell today announced the appointment of Lynne Farrell of Shelton to the Connecticut State Board of Education. Farrell, a former educator and school administrator, is a practicing attorney specializing in educational law.

“I want the best and brightest education minds serving on our State Board of Education, and Lynne Farrell will be a terrific addition,” said Governor Rell. “Lynne brings to the Board a wealth of knowledge and expertise. Her contributions will be pivotal to the board as it continues to make important decisions regarding the future of Connecticut’s children and schools.

“Connecticut’s public schools are making progress in the effort to ensure that all children in our state receive a top-quality education,” Governor Rell added. “Lynne will help us continue that progress.”

Farrell earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Albertus Magnus College in New Haven. She also earned a Master of Science degree in Education from Southern Connecticut State University. In addition, Farrell obtained a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Teaching from Fordham University in New York City and a law degree from Quinnipiac University School of Law.

She is presently an associate attorney with the Wallingford firm Farrell, Leslie & Grochowski. Her educational experience includes teaching and administrative positions with the West Haven public school system. Farrell has also taught numerous courses at Fordham University and the University of New Haven.

Farrell will be sworn in at the State Board of Education meeting at Choate-Rosemary Hall, Carl C. Icahn Center for Science, Getz Auditorium, in Wallingford on December 1. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

“On behalf of the State Department of Education, I want to welcome Lynne Farrell to the State Board of Education,” said Commissioner of Education Betty J.

Sternberg. “We look forward to working with her. She will provide us with insights and energy as we move forward to better serve our youngsters.”

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 has oversight over 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.

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