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Robert Travaglini named Receiver for Winchester school district

(HARTFORD, CT)—Commissioner of Education Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell today announced that she will appoint Robert Travaglini as Receiver for Winchester Public Schools. In this capacity, Mr. Travaglini will oversee the day-to-day operations of the struggling school district and will assume the duties, rights and responsibilities of the local board of education.

“State intervention of this magnitude is a rare occurrence in Connecticut, but it is necessary under Winchester Public Schools’ current circumstances,” said Commissioner Wentzell. “Earning the trust of the families of the community and the confidence of the school staff is one of the most important tasks ahead for the Receiver. That’s why it was critically important that we ask the right person to serve as Receiver—and Mr. Travaglini is that person.”

“All students deserve a school system that delivers an education that prepares them for life-long success. The students of Winchester deserve nothing less than this,” said Mr. Travaglini. “The challenges facing the district are significant, but I am confident that, by working together, we will be able to get the district operations back on track and begin to improve outcomes for all children.”

Most recently, Mr. Travaglini served as Senior Director for State, District and School Support for the Connecticut TIME Collaborative where he worked extensively with several Alliance Districts, 30 of the state’s lowest performing school districts, to transform existing systems to support extended school day programming. He has extensive leadership experience in education as a former school administrator in Hartford and as the former Director of Music for Torrington High School. His career demonstrates an unwavering commitment to public education, neighborhood schools, and addressing the needs of students and families.

Mr. Travaglini holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Clinical Psychology and Music Performance/Education from San Francisco State University, a Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership from Central Connecticut State University, and a Sixth-year Diploma in Executive Leadership from the University of Connecticut.

“Mr. Travaglini offers critical skills and know-how in leading school improvement efforts, developing productive partnerships with stakeholders, managing large budgets, analyzing resource allocations, and building efficient systems,” said Commissioner Wentzell. “In each endeavor, he achieves better

results for the students he serves and we look forward to his continued success for the benefit of Winchester's students."

"It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve the Winchester community in this capacity. I look forward to the work ahead and to achieving long-lasting results and improved outcomes for the students, staff, families and residents," said Mr. Travaglini.

In accordance with Sec. 302 of June Special Session Public Act 15-5, *An Act Implementing Provisions of the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2017, Concerning General Government, Education, Health and Human Services and Bonds of the State*, the Commissioner of Education shall appoint a receiver who will serve as a chief executive officer for Winchester Public Schools on or before August 1, 2015. The Receiver will report directly to the Commissioner of Education.

A detailed timetable for the transition of the district's governance and operations will be developed in the coming days.

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