



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**GOVERNOR DANIEL P. MALLOY**

## **GOVERNOR MALLOY NAMES EIGHT TO SERVE ON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Daniel P. Malloy today announced he has nominated eight residents to serve as members of the State Board of Education: Joseph J. Vrabely, Jr. of Glastonbury; Patricia Keavney-Maruca of Watertown; Terry H. Jones of Shelton; Ellen Camhi of Stamford; Charles A. Jaskiewicz, III of Norwich; Estela López of East Hartford; Ferdinand L. Risco, Jr. of New Haven; and Stephen P. Wright of Trumbull.

“It is incumbent upon us to put in place a set of standards that will allow Connecticut students to be the best educated and best prepared in the world—one that provides them with the tools necessary to compete in a global economy,” said Governor Malloy. “These nominees come from diverse backgrounds and experiences, and I’m confident they can help set the standards needed to bring our students to the top. I look forward to working with the members of the State Board of Education as we strive to ensure that all of Connecticut’s children have access to quality education.”

The State Board of Education establishes academic standards and sets policy for Connecticut’s 149 local and 17 regional school districts, including preschool, elementary and secondary education, special education, vocational education and adult education. The Board consists of thirteen members, at least two of whom have experience in manufacturing or a trade offered at the Technical High School System, at least one of whom has experience in agriculture, and two nonvoting Grade 12 student members. The eleven voting members are appointed to four-year terms.

**Joseph J. Vrabely, Jr.** was appointed as an interim member of the State Board of Education by Governor M. Jodi Rell in 2010. He is president and co-owner of Atlantic Steel & Processing LLC, a company he started in 2000. He currently serves as a board member and trustee of the Precision Metalforming Association’s Educational Foundation, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, and is the past president of the Smaller Manufacturers’ Association.

**Patricia Keavney-Maruca** retired after serving 33 years with the Connecticut Technical High School system, having worked at W.F. Kaynor Technical High School in Waterbury, and as vice president of the State Vocational Federation of Teachers. She is an executive council member

of the American Federation of Teachers-Connecticut, president of the Board of Directors of the Waterbury Day Nursery, and is a volunteer pre-school teacher aide at St. Peter and Paul Pre-School in Waterbury.

**Terry H. Jones** has extensive experience in agriculture, having been a life-long resident of the Jones Family Farms in Shelton, where four generations of farmers have worked the fields and forests prior to him. He has run his family farm business since high school in 1960 and, with the help of his wife Jean, has expanded the farm to 400 acres.

**Ellen Camhi** is a former elementary public school teacher in New York and Connecticut. She has been active in Stamford politics for more than 40 years, serving as an elected member of the Stamford Board of Education for four terms, including three years as its president. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, is a former realtor, small business owner and previously worked as an education consultant.

**Charles A. Jaskiewicz, III** works for Pfizer, Inc. as a Regulatory Manager focused on early product development. He currently serves as chairman of the Norwich Board of Education, where he has been a member since 2003. Having received a degree in nursing from the University of Connecticut, Jaskiewicz has worked both as a registered nurse and a paramedic.

**Estela López** is a Senior Program Advisor with Excelencia in Education. She is the former vice chancellor of academic affairs at CSU, serving from 2002 to 2007. From 1997 to 2002, she served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Northeastern Illinois University. She earned both a master's degree and Ph.D. in Spanish literature from Columbia University.

**Ferdinand L. Risco, Jr.** is an Inclusion and Diversity Manager with Metro North, where he has worked since 2004. He is a current member of the New Haven Board of Education. Previously, he worked in supervising positions at both Pepsi-Cola Bottling Group and Airborne Express. He served in the U.S. Army from 1995 to 2000, and received a Master of Business Administration from the University of New Haven in 2009.

**Stephen P. Wright** has served as an attorney at Harlow, Adams & Friedman, P.C. in Milford since 1999. He currently serves as a member of the Trumbull Board of Education, as chairman of the Trumbull Special Needs Preschool Building Committee, and as co-area director of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education.

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