

# Coventry Board of Education

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On Thursday, March 25, the Coventry Board of Education interviewed the finalists for the position of Director of Pupil and Staff Support Services. The Board voted to appoint Barbara Trinks as the new director effective July 1, 2010. The search process began on February 15 and ended on March 25, 2010.

Several staff members, parents, and members of the Board of Education served on different search committees, including the paper screening, interview, and written exam committees. Ms. Trinks was chosen from a pool which included highly qualified candidates.

Ms. Trinks earned her Bachelor's Degree in Special Education/Child Study from Saint Joseph College. She obtained a Master's Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision and her Sixth Year Degree in Educational Leadership from Central Connecticut State University.

Barbara is a resident of Windsor and has been serving as a Special Education Supervisor and Special Education Department Leader for Windsor Public Schools since September 2005. Prior to these leadership roles, she was a Special Education teacher in both Windsor and East Hartford.

Superintendent of Schools, Donna Bernard, commented on the appointment, "Barbara Trinks brings an exceptional skill set that will be so beneficial to the district's special education programs. She understands the complexity of delivering quality programs in fiscally difficult times. We are most enthusiastic about our future collaborations on behalf of Coventry students."