

# Coventry Board of Education

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## Coventry Board of Education Appoints Interim Superintendent

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On July 14, 2011 the Board of Education appointed Paul Smotas, Ph.D. as Interim Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Smotas will begin on August 15 as Interim Superintendent while the Board of Education continues its search for a permanent replacement for Dr. Donna Bernard, who leaves Coventry after nine years.

Dr. Smotas received his doctorate from the University of Connecticut in 1996. He also has a Master's in Engineering from the University of New Haven.

Paul Smotas comes to Coventry with over 35 years in education. He served as a teacher, coach and administrator in Southington for 19 years before going on to administrative positions in Vernon, Branford and East Lyme. He spent ten years in East Lyme as Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent. After retiring in 2009, he was appointed Interim Superintendent in Stonington for five months.

Dr. Smotas has also taught as an Adjunct Professor at the University of New Haven, Western Connecticut State University, UCONN and Sacred Heart University. He currently resides in Carolina Shores, North Carolina.