

Beth Schiavino-Narvaez, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  
Hartford Public Schools

Dr. Beth Schiavino-Narvaez is a visionary and creative leader who brings twenty years of experience as an educator to her role as superintendent of Hartford Public Schools. She joined the Hartford Public Schools community July 1, 2014 as a result of an extensive national search.

Dr. Narvaez' expertise is in the areas of leadership development, school improvement, and professional learning. She has been recognized for her leading-edge work in central office transformation, strengthening central office service and support to schools. Known for her collaborative and engaging style, she is a proven instructional leader who has led turnaround work as both a principal and central office leader.

Prior to her appointment at Hartford Public Schools, Dr. Schiavino-Narvaez served as Deputy Superintendent of School Support and Improvement for Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland, a district that educates 151,000 students in 202 schools. In this position, she was the architect of an innovative school support and improvement framework that enabled the school system to understand the unique strengths and needs of each school and match resources to accelerate their improvement efforts.

She is a strong believer in the servant leadership role of the superintendent and in the role that district leaders play in ensuring that every student succeeds and every school thrives. She and her husband Eric have made service to others a central part of their lives. They served in the Peace Corps together in the Republic of Kiribati. Dr. Narvaez also worked as a Fulbright Scholar in South Korea, and credits these international experiences with helping her to understand the importance of cultural competence.

In addition to her work internationally, Dr. Narvaez' career includes service as Assistant Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer for Springfield Public Schools, five years as an elementary and middle school principal in the Pittsfield Public Schools in Massachusetts, and work as a teacher in her home state of Pennsylvania.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Schiavino-Narvaez completed her graduate studies at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education where she earned a master's degree in School Leadership and a doctorate from the Urban Superintendents Program.

Dr. Schiavino-Narvaez, whose seven-year-old daughter, Sophie, attends Hartford Public Schools, is excited to make Hartford her home. She is a lover of the arts and takes full advantage of all the rich historic and cultural treasures in Hartford.