



**Christina M. Kishimoto, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  
Hartford Public Schools**

Christina M. Kishimoto, a successful educator who has redesigned and supervised 26 schools as part of the Hartford Public Schools multi-year strategy to close the achievement gap, was named Superintendent of Hartford Public Schools in February 2011. Her appointment took effect July 1, 2011.

Since her appointment, she has written a five-year strategic operating plan focused on three educational goals that will build on the district's early reform success: The Third Grade Promise, the Middle Years Redesign and College and Career Readiness.

The Third Grade Promise proposes to have every child who enters and remains in a Hartford Public School reading at grade level by third grade. The Middle Years Redesign will implement a variety of developmentally appropriate practices that have proven successful in preparing middle-grade students for the rigors of a high school curriculum. College and Career Readiness will require all high school students to take the PSAT and SAT college entrance examinations and use the results as assessments to prepare students to enroll and succeed in college.

Dr. Kishimoto, who joined the district in 2005, previously oversaw the development and implementation of new school designs and school choice to create a portfolio of unique and high-performing school options.

The new schools include the first K-12 International Baccalaureate School in Connecticut, a public Montessori School, an Engineering and Green Technology Academy, an Insurance & Finance Academy, a Nursing Academy, a Law and Government Academy and a STEM elementary school among others. Most recently, she opened the Thomas J. McDonough Expeditionary Learning School as the first component of her Middle Years Redesign initiative.

In the 2008-2009 school year, she also rolled out the first district-wide all-choice school process in the State of Connecticut.

Prior to joining the district, Dr. Kishimoto worked for four years as an education consultant at the Connecticut State Department of Education, eight years in higher education and three years at an international benefits consulting firm in New York City.

She serves on the founding Board of Visitors for the University of Hartford School of Education, Nursing and Health Professions, and is a contributor to the University of Washington Center on Reinventing Public Education–Portfolio Network Group as one of 16 invited district representatives. Dr. Kishimoto is an Education Policy Fellow (EPFP).

Dr. Kishimoto earned her Bachelor's of Arts degree from Barnard College at Columbia University, her Master of Public Affairs degree from the University of Connecticut, and her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Teachers College at Columbia University.