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## Tony Gasper Named New Britain Superintendent

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**NEW BRITAIN, CT** – The Consolidated School District of New Britain (CSDNB) is pleased to announce that Dr. Tony Gasper has been appointed as the next Superintendent of Schools following a vote by the Board of Education on Monday night. His start date will be July 1, 2022.



Gasper comes to New Britain from Wolcott, where he has been superintendent since 2015, leading a district that has seen student outcomes improve, achievement gaps narrow, and community partnerships grow. He also served as an assistant or deputy superintendent in Windham and Ansonia, an assistant principal at East Hampton High School, and program director and World Language coordinator in Manchester, where he started his education career teaching high school Spanish. Gasper also has experience as a consultant with the Connecticut State Department of Education.

"After an in-depth search for a candidate who best matches the identified educational priorities of our community, the Board is excited to welcome Dr. Gasper to our community to serve as Superintendent of Schools, said Gayle Sanders-Connolly, chair of the school board and its search committee.." We look forward to working collaboratively with Tony to keep pressing forward on critical district issues."

The city's next superintendent is fluent in Spanish and has spent most of his 26 years in public education working in Connecticut's urban school districts. Gasper said growing up in East Hartford gives him the advantage of being familiar with the spirit and characteristics of a city like New Britain with its proud, working-class history. He also attended Central Connecticut State University in New Britain for his three degrees — a bachelors in Spanish Education, a masters in Educational Leadership, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership, in addition to completing the Superintendent of Schools Preparation program.

"I look forward to joining with the dedicated educators and support staff of the school district as we continue to move forward serving all of New Britain's children," said Gasper, who added that he also wants to form partnerships with clergy, neighborhood organizations, the business community, and CCSU.

"I strongly believe that New Britain is primed for a citywide renaissance and I am excited to play a part in the city's continued growth," Gasper said. "I am deeply thankful to the Board of Education for entrusting me with the city's most precious resource: the students and staff members of our schools."

Gasper is replacing Nancy Sarra, who retires June 30 after leading the district since 2016.

Gasper was chosen from a pool of applicants from four states, including superintendents and central office personnel. The search was facilitated by consultants from Trumbull-based Cooperative Educational Services (CES), who guided the district's search committee through the decision-making process by providing a leadership profile based on feedback from the district's various stakeholders, and facilitating the interview process with candidates. The consultants employed an advanced interview technique proven to demonstrate the candidates' abilities to be successful in the leadership position by assessing their supervisory skills, qualities, and attributes against the established profile.

CES is one of the six Regional Educational Service Centers (RESCs) established by the state legislature to provide supports and services to public school districts. CES serves students and educators in Fairfield County, along with executive search services throughout the state. More information about CES can be found at [www.cestumbull.org](http://www.cestumbull.org).