



Norwalk Board of Education Appoints Sandra Faioes as Interim Superintendent of Norwalk Public Schools

Norwalk, Conn. (April 24, 2026) – The Norwalk Board of Education has appointed Sandra Faioes to serve as the interim superintendent for Norwalk Public Schools, effective July 1, 2026. She has served as the district’s deputy superintendent since December 2023.

Since 2020, Faioes has served as a member of the superintendent’s cabinet, integrally involved in strategic planning, resource allocation, progress monitoring, community relations and communication with the Board of Education. During that time, Norwalk Public Schools has consistently surpassed all other Connecticut city districts in literacy, math and science performance as well as surpassing the state average in the reduction of absenteeism and graduation rates.

As deputy superintendent, and previously as assistant superintendent for business and operations, she has dramatically improved the efficiencies in student data management, transportation, school nutrition program, school safety readiness and infrastructure across the district. Her strong financial leadership extends from fiscal management of facilities to major school construction and renovation projects, most notably the \$225 million Norwalk High School and P-TECH Norwalk building.

Faioes joined Norwalk Public Schools in 2013, working at the Richard C. Briggs High School for two years during which time she served as a curriculum and instruction site director, instructional coach and reading specialist. She then became assistant principal and later principal of Brookside Elementary School for four years.

For more on Interim Superintendent Faioes’ background and career, continue to read below:

During her time at Brookside, she successfully helped to move the school from a category three to a category two school, according to the State’s Accountability Index. She also partnered with FoodCorps and established a social emotional initiative for the school focused on nutrition and physical wellness.

Faioes was named the Director of School Improvement in 2019, evaluating all school principals and collaborating with them to create school improvement plans aligned to district priorities.



She also played an integral role in the reopening of schools during the pandemic, designing, writing and implementing the health and safety protocols for summer and fall 2020 classes. Her accomplishments included writing, securing and managing nearly \$30 million in grants, including entitlement grants, CARES Act grants, and several competitive grants.

In 2020, Estrella named Faioes as the Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations where she has led the strategic management of all facilities and grounds, transportation, food services, health services, grants, athletics, school safety and partnerships with local law enforcement.

Prior to her arrival in Norwalk, she worked in the Boston Public Schools system where she served as the interim humanities program director, and literacy coach for the district's Secondary English Language Arts department. She was also a member of the common core standards workgroup design team and subject work team leader. From 2007 to 2010, she served as humanities department head and grade 10 team leader for The Engineering School in Boston.

She began her career in education as a teacher in Boston Public Schools. Faioes also worked as the lead teacher and testing coordinator for High Tech High Media Arts in San Diego.

Faioes holds Connecticut certifications for Intermediate Administration and Supervision (092) and Superintendents of Schools Certification (093). Faioes earned a certificate of advanced graduate studies in Educational Leadership from Simmons College, Boston. She holds a Master of Arts in education as well as a Bachelor of Arts in English and Black Studies, both from Boston College. She is also a graduate degree from the UConn Neag School of Education's Executive Leadership Program.

Faioes is the youngest daughter of a Portuguese father and West African mother. She immigrated to the United States during second grade and attended Boston Public Schools. Faioes is fluent in Spanish, Portuguese and Cape Verdean Creole. She is deeply committed to serving the community and centers serving all students at the core of her mission.