

Leadership Matters in Hartford's School Reform

We congratulate Mayor Segarra on his recent election, and appreciate his commitment to Hartford school improvement. The past four years have seen the beginning of a crucial turnaround within the Hartford Public Schools, and we now find ourselves at a pivotal point in Hartford's reform. With the Mayor preparing to appoint five of the nine members of the Board of Education by February 1st, we have the opportunity to consider what it will take to ensure further success in school improvement – and in children's lives.



In Hartford, we need Board of Education members with these six attributes:

- ▶ A clear understanding of the role that a high-performing Board of Education plays in supporting school improvement.
- ▶ High expectations for what our schools and students can achieve.
- ▶ Willingness to make tough decisions and support long-term change in the face of short-term demands.
- ▶ Support for the District's current reform strategy and direction.
- ▶ Unbiased support of what works, based on data.
- ▶ Ability to understand and utilize data in ways that drive accountability.

In addition, we encourage the Mayor to maintain an appropriate level of continuity among Board appointees.

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