

# Cicarella/DeLucia Slate 2022- 2024

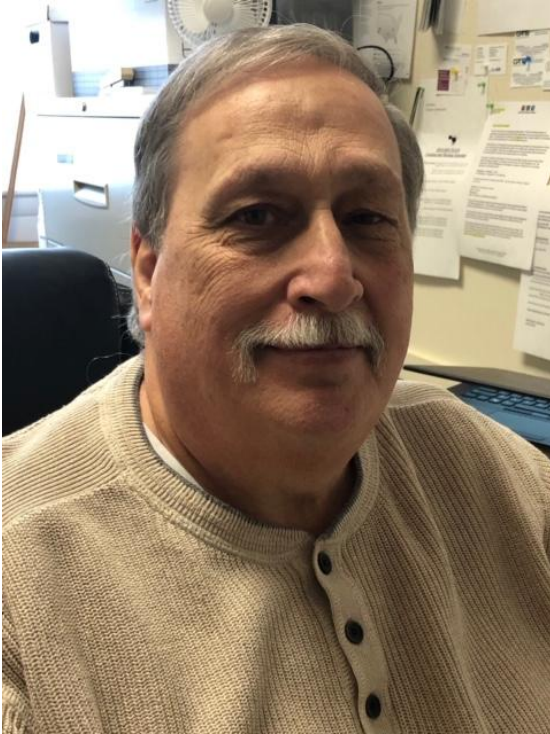
## President



## David Cicarella

- 14+ years as NHFT President
- 2 terms NHFT Executive Board Trustee
- 2 terms Building Steward (Fair Haven)
- 22 years classroom teacher(Algebra 1, Gr 7-8 science,Gr 7-8 Reading)
- 5 years Math Instructor Gateway CC
- 6 years Math Instructional Coach
- 2 years Curriculum Staff Developer
- Data Team Lead Trainer
- AFT Representative on 15-member PEAC (state evaluation committee)
- Awarded "*Champion of Change*" 2014 at White House, Washington D.C.
- AFT-CT President's Award Recipient (2012, 2015)
- Testified before US Congress 2011 "Exploring Teacher Quality Initiatives"
- Appointed to State of CT "*Planning Commission for Education*" 2015 ( appointed by President Pro Tempore Martin Looney)

## **Executive Vice President**



### **Pat DeLucia**

My name is Pat DeLucia and I am running for Executive Vice-President in the NHFT election, the position I currently hold. I am a Special Education teacher and have taught in the New Haven Public Schools for 37 years. My last assignment was at Riverside Education Academy as a Resource teacher for 25 years.

I have served the Union for 22 years. I started as a Trustee , then a High School rep , Vice-President of High Schools , Executive Vice President , Executive Secretary , and now Executive Vice-President for the second time. I have chaired the Finance Committee for 14 years. I have served on and chaired numerous committees city-wide. Some of them are Survey , Reform , Homebound Redesign , BoE Policy ,By-Laws, Code of Conduct and numerous sub-committees. I have been on the negotiations team for the last five contracts.

## Executive Secretary



### **MarcAnthony Solli**

- Former NHPS Student
- 22 years teaching- French (Betsy Ross), English (HSC), Literacy Department
- 12 years- NHFT Steward, TEVAL Working Group, Reform, Grievance Committees
- 8 years- NHFT Head Trustee
- 2 years- NHFT Executive Secretary

## Treasurer



### **Joe Gonzalez**

CTE Teacher, Wilbur Cross High School

I have taught over 16 years in the NHPS system as a Business teacher at Wilbur Cross High School. I hold 3 degrees from Sacred Heart University including a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. For more than 10 years, I have served NHFT as a building steward for WCHS and the last 3 as a NHFT Trustee.

## **Vice President for Middle Schools**



### **Judith Leach**

This is my 15th year serving NHPS students and their families. I hold a BA degree from Franklin Pierce University With a double major in Elementary Education and English Literature. My Master's Degree is from Southern Connecticut State University In TESOL and Multicultural education. My teaching experience spans grades K-2, 5/6 LA, and currently, 4-8 Reading Intervention. I have supported our union as both a National Delegate and a building steward for the past 12 years. At Columbus School I serve as the SPMT Chairperson, Restorative Practices trainer, and the Comer Student Staff Support Facilitator.

## **Vice President for Elementary Schools**



### **Tracy Paige-Harris**

I am a native of New Haven, Connecticut; I have taught in New Haven Public Schools for twenty-four years. As an active member of the greater New Haven community, I am involved with my service sorority and the local Autism Society. During my tenure in NHPS, I have worked as a teacher facilitator, a team leader and served as a member of the New Haven Federation Teachers Union.

In my role as a classroom teacher in New Haven Public Schools, I taught Kindergarten and First Grade at Barnard. Additionally, my roles at Ross Woodward Classical Studies Magnet School include, but are not limited to a Lead Teacher/Facilitator, a Cornerstone Coach and currently a Kindergarten Teacher.

I have been extremely proud to serve on the Executive Board as Vice President for Elementary Schools since 2019.

## Vice President for Special Services



**J. Peter Wilson**

Executive Board Member - many years representing Special Education fellow 933 members as well as ALL members; former Chief Steward; Special Education teacher since 1975; many years serving as Planning and Placement Team chairperson in many buildings. Here for ALL members for Solidarity!!!

## Executive Board--High School



**Joe Steele**

-NHPS teacher at Wilbur Cross for 45 years.

-NHFT Executive Board member for 43 years.

-NHFT Delegate for 43 years.

-Cross Golf Coach for 45 years, 500 career victories. 2001 Connecticut Coach of the Year.





### **Toni Criscuolo**

Toni Criscuolo is a life-long New Haven resident and active in her neighborhood organizations. She has been a teacher for over 25 years and is completing her 17<sup>th</sup> year as a high school teacher in NHPS; working in both English and Social Studies departments. She has been elected steward and delegate to 4 AFT National and State conventions. She worked on the Social Studies Curriculum Team for World History as well as a special project to create a curriculum unit on the New Haven Green. She is an advisor to the citywide student government, paying particular attention to building plant issues and chocolate milk campaigns. Toni attends BOE meetings regularly . Elected to the Executive Board as a representative for high school and chaired the attendance policy committee for EBOARD and Stewards. Believes in a strong, vocal, and active union that fights for TEACHER RIGHTS !



## **Reginald Augustine**

I have been a New Haven Public School teacher for 27 years and a lifelong resident of New Haven and a student of this school system. During my tenure, I have worked as an after school director for various buildings, a theater director for at least 11 productions, a writer, designer, and artist for many schools. I am a former ambassador for International Education having taken New Haven high School students to Zimbabwe, South Africa, Egypt, and Greece. I was also a summer school building leader for 18 years and the coordinator/director of the after school /21st century grant programs in the schools that I worked in.

I have been involved in the NHFT as a union steward since the early 2000's, serving first as a union steward, then as an executive board member. I have been the chairperson for the unified arts team when I was at Barnard school and now at Hillhouse High School, I am working to establish a strong visual arts team. I would like to continue as a member of the E-Board and work on abolishing the issue of Connecticut's windfall policy for social security for retiring educators.

## **Executive Board-- Pre-k - 8**



**Kara Steele-Distante**

I have served as a union steward almost immediately upon being hired in New Haven. I have taught middle school math in various roles at Celentano Biotech, Health, and Medical Magnet School and now Betsy Ross Arts Magnet School. Currently I am an NHFT Executive Board Member as well as a delegate.



### **Jennifer Wells-Jackson**

I am honored to have served the New Haven community as an educator and teacher leader for over 23 years. As a Literacy Instructional Coach for over 14 years, I have worked at many schools supporting teachers with their instruction. I continued supporting teachers throughout the district when I was elected to the NHFT Executive Board by attending local conferences and national conventions.



### **Erica McDaniel-Epps**

As a native New Havener, I have been a collaborative member of the New Haven Public School System for the past 17 years. After graduating from Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) in 2005 with a BA in Elementary Education and a BS in Psychology, I became a 3rd Grade teacher at Katherine Brennan School. Here I spent the first five years of my career.

Then, in 2010, I transferred to Conte West Hills Magnet School. For the past 11 years, I have taught 3rd and 4th grade students. In the 2011-2012 school year, I was runner-up for Teacher of the Year award for my “exemplary service”.

For the past 15 years (5 terms), I have proudly been a collective participant on the Executive Board for our Teachers’ Union. In this position, I served on the Grievance Committee for one term. Currently, I continue to represent Pre-K to 8th grade teachers as an executive board member.



## **Iris Festa**

I have served for the past 5 years as the Pre-K - 8 representative on the Executive Board. I have gained a wealth of knowledge while I worked for the union office for 10 years. I have been a School Counselor for the past 15 years, currently at Conte West Hills Magnet School. I've also been extremely fortunate to work in various schools in New Haven such as Clemente, Bishop Woods, and Truman.



## **Delores Marshall**

I have served as a Union Steward, State Delegate, and National Delegate as-well-as on several Middle School committees throughout the learning community. Currently, I'm an Educator at Hill Central grades 7/8th Reading, and was formerly a Literacy Instructor at Troup , Instructional Coach--Sheridan, Adjunct Professor of English at SCSU and Gateway Community College, Co-op High School : World Literature, and American Literature - 9/10th grades, Yale New Haven Teacher Institute, Fulbright Hayes Scholar at Yale University and a published author.



## **Simone Minichino**

- Currently a Grade 4 teacher at Barack Obama Magnet University School
- My teaching experience includes grade Pre-Kindergarten through grade 8
- Past Team leader on C.E.P.C. union committee (Cooperative Educational Planning Committee)
- Past union steward (Welch Annex)
- New Haven Public School educator for over 20 years





**Kari Martin**

My name is Kari Martin and I have been a NHPS School Social Worker for 13 years at Ross Woodward Classical Studies Magnet School and my 11-year-old daughter has been an NHPS student since Kindergarten. I am excited to hopefully serve on the executive board to represent pre-K- grade 8 schools. In addition to my role as a School Social Worker, I am also a member of the school leadership team and truancy team, served as a PBIS school-based coach for 10 years, and a district PBIS coach for 7 years. I have supervised MSW interns for 10 years and also facilitate the MSW interview and placement process. I am looking forward to extending my support to all NHFT 933 members.

## Executive Board--Special Services



### Jane Roth

For the last 22 of my 28 years of experience as a special education resource teacher, I have worked for NHPS. I currently represent special services on the Executive Board as well as union steward for John C. Daniels. I have served as union steward for both Hyde Leadership High School and John C. Daniels for a combined total of 17 years. I was a member of the TEVAL working group. For 9 years I was a national delegate, and have represented our local at AFT National Conventions. I am the facilitator of the SPMT, for Daniels. I attend a Legislative Brunch that is held yearly in which union representatives from New Haven and surrounding towns meet with state representatives and state senators to share concerns and to see how we can work together. I am currently collaborating with the Alliance of Retired Teachers in a concerted effort to repeal WEP and GPO.



## **David Minnella**

I am currently in my 26th year of teaching in New Haven, and have taught Music Education, 9 years at Hill Central and 16 years at Celentano Biotech, Health and Medical Magnet School. I have served on three Negotiations Teams, over the last three contracts, and aspire to represent our membership on the NHFT Executive Board in the advocacy and betterment of our collective labor and benefit protections.

## **Trustee Council**



### **Derlene Ortiz**

I am an Itinerant Speech/Language Pathologist who has served the students of New Haven for 15 years. Within my time, I have participated as a member on the NHFT Negotiations Team for our two most recent contracts. Moreover, I was elected to serve on the Executive Board 6 years ago and was recently elected as Head Trustee of the Executive Board.



**Kris Wetmore**

I am a 32 year veteran educator in NHPS. I teach Visual Art at Co-op High School. I have been an active member of our union. With 21 years as building steward, 15 years as a Delegate, and 6 years as a Trustee



### **Rachele Thomas**

I am a science educator who teaches both AP and College Biology at James Hillhouse High School.

I have been employed by the New Haven Board of Education for 16 years, working as a curriculum facilitator, team leader, TEAM mentor, and an active member of the New Haven Federation of Teachers Union. During my tenure here in the district I have supported our union as a National Delegate, as well as attended and presented at an AFT National Conference. I was recently elected to serve as a Trustee on the NHFT Executive Board.



### **Anthony Latella**

- As Director of Print Services I lead the Print Shop at Wilbur Cross to provide the district high quality materials while saving the district from the high cost of outsourcing.
- Employed by the District for 13 years I have served as a Technology Coordinator, Mathematics Teacher, CTE Teacher, as well as the District Print Shop.



## **Brian Grindrod**

- Employed by the district the past 10 years.
- History teacher the past 8 years at Wilbur Cross
- Wilbur Cross Girls Soccer Coach the past 5 years
- Coordinated the Soccer Haven after school program at John C Daniels.
- Presenter at Social Studies CIAs, added Environmental Justice lessons into district high school social studies curriculum
- Coached a 'We the People' mock congressional team from Wilbur Cross the past three years in a state competition sponsored by Civics First CT.
- Developed with students a nationally recognized Project Citizen program on Wellness Wednesday programming.
- Project Citizen Mentor to teachers in the Northeast Region