



Dr. Sheila M. Harrity is the Superintendent-Director of Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District and a former Principal at Worcester Technical High School, where she was named the 2013 Massachusetts Principal of the Year, and 2014 National High School Principal of the Year. In 2013, the school received the National Blue Ribbon School distinction for outstanding student achievement by the U.S. Department of Education and was the only high school in the nation in 2014 to host President Obama as a commencement speaker.

Her leadership at Worcester Technical High School, where almost 65 percent of the students were economically disadvantaged, was transformative. With an emphasis on a personalized learning environment, Dr. Harrity implemented the Early Career and College STEM Innovation Plan. With over 350 industry and higher education partners, students at the school learned from project-based experiences with real-world applications. Graduates from Worcester Technical High School earned industry recognized certifications and credentials as well as college credits, which allowed students to graduate both college and career ready.

Currently, Dr. Harrity serves as the Superintendent-Director of Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District. Monty Tech is the second largest regional vocational school in MA, serving over 1,400 students from two cities and sixteen towns. She manages a school district of 218 faculty and staff and a budget of over \$26 million. In addition to the day program, she oversees the operation of the Monty Tech Continuing Education program with over 1,300 adults participating in educational courses and training and retraining programs for North Central MA. Dr. Harrity has implemented numerous reforms and improvements during her relatively short tenure at Monty Tech. Among the most prominent is the construction of a 7,500 square foot

veterinary clinic that is being built primarily by the high schools students and staff. Moreover, Dr. Harrity solicited over \$2.5 million in private sector dollars, grant funds, as well as in-kind donations, in order to support this construction effort.

Dr. Harrity is the Vice Chair of the MA Board of Higher Education, a member of the MA STEM Advisory Council Executive Committee, a board member of Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives, and was a committee member on Governor Baker's Education Transition Committee.

Dr. Harrity received a B.A. in Social Work from Providence College, a M.Ed. in Moderate Special Needs from Assumption College, a M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education from Worcester State University, and a Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership from Northeastern University. In addition, she received 3 honorary doctoral degrees in recognition of her many contributions to the field of education from Becker College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Worcester State University.