

Joe Velardi Bio

Joe Velardi is the Connecticut Coordinator for Health and Physical Education. He became an Assistant Director of the Connecticut Association of Schools – Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CAS-CIAC) in January of 2019 after a successful and extensive career in public education.

A graduate of Southern Connecticut State University (BS in Physical Education – 1979, MS in Physical Education – 1984, 6th year diploma in Supervision and Administration 1989). Joe taught physical education for 14 years in the New Haven, CT Public School system. He then became the Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics in Regional School District 15 (Southbury, Middlebury CT), a position he held for 24 years.

In 1992-1993 Joe was the president of the Connecticut Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CTAHPERD). He was named Connecticut's "Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year" in 1991. He was the "Connecticut Athletic Director of the Year" in 2003-04, the Eastern District "Athletic Director of the Year" in 2004 and one of six finalists for National Athletic Director of the Year. In 2014 he received CTAHPERD's Professional Honor Award and in 2017 was awarded the "Paul Bordeau Award" presented by the Western Connecticut Soccer Officials Association.

Joe is honored to serve the health and physical education profession in Connecticut by working in conjunction with the Connecticut State Department of Education. He currently serves SHAPE America as a member of the Physical Education Council.

Joe and Ellen, his wife of 36 years, have two grown children and live in Bethany, CT.