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## School Committee unanimous Richards wins vote as assistant superintendent

By GARY DEMOPOULOS

READING - Andover resident Dennis Richards will be Reading's new assistant superintendent of schools.

Last night, the School Committee voted unanimously to back Superintendent Dr. Robert Munnely's recommendation of Richards, who presently holds a similar position, educational supervisor, in the Nashua, New Hampshire public school system, a system which consists of 12,000 students.

Richards is expected to begin



Dennis Richards

full-time in Reading sometime in mid-August. The School Committee set his salary at \$64,000.

In making the recommendation, Dr. Munnely said he was doing so with good feeling.

"He will be a good leader," the superintendent said. "My prediction is that Dennis will be

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## D'Antona new chairman

Robin D'Antona was elected as the new chairman of the School Committee at the conclusion of last night's meeting.

D'Antona, into her second year on the Committee after being elected in March of 1992, succeeds Matt Cummings, who served as chairman for the past 12 months.

Member Tim Twomey was elected as the board's new vice-chairman.

"I'd like to thank my fellow members for giving me the responsibility of being chairman," D'Antona said. "I look forward to the challenge."



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## Responding to parents School calendar

## School Committee...

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very successful in this post, a strong leader for the community."

Reached this morning in his Nashua office, Richards said he is looking forward to the new position.

"I look forward to meeting people in the community and in the schools," he said. "To talk about their hopes and dreams. I've been in education for some time and it has to be a meaningful part of the community."

Richards has been an educational supervisor in Nashua since January of 1991. In that role, he supervises and evaluates teachers and principals, coordinates the professional development of elementary teachers and principals, coordinates gifted education, coordinates the selection and assignment of elementary staff, coordinates curricular revision and development, and assists the assistant superintendent in the evaluation and selection of textbooks.

He owns an undergraduate degree from Merrimack College, a Master's in English Language and Literature from Middlebury, and a Master's in Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Over his career, Richards has been a director in both the Lawrence and Andover public schools, an English Department chairman in Hopkinton and at Cardinal Cushing High School in South Boston, and an English

teacher in the Wayland and North Andover public school systems.

"The Reading system is one that is committed to making education a positive one," Richards said. "Reading has impressed me as a good community to live in, and a good school system to send children to. People are proud of their schools and I hope to work with teachers, administrators, students and parents to maintain that pride."

Dr. Munnely elected to recommend Richards over the other two finalists, Susan Whittle, currently serving as interim assistant superintendent in Reading, and Dr. Kilburn Culley, an assistant professor of education at Boston College.

"Any one of the three candidates would have been a good person for the job," Dr. Munnely said. "Each had general abilities, and each had unique abilities that were an advantage to that candidate. There was a long period of investigation."



## Chronicles

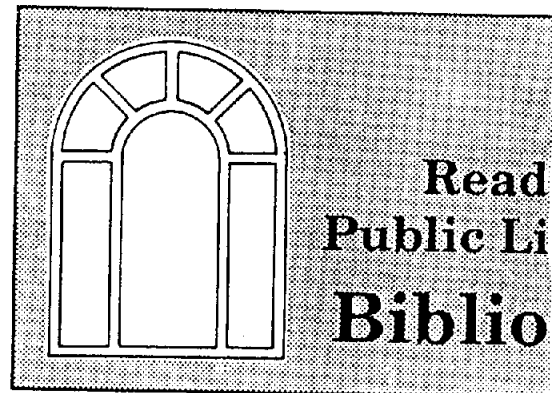
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-An employee at Cerretani's called police at 6:00 p.m. to



A News Column From the Reading Public Library  
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By RENEE OLSON

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM TO START JUNE 30 FOR YOUNG ADULTS.** By Young Adult Librarian Nancy Aberman: Reading's young adults are invited to take a trip *Into the Future* with this year's summer reading program starting June 30. Students who live in Reading or go to school in Reading entering grades six through 12 are invited to explore the universe of books by joining the program.

Each book read earns Interplanetary Credits. These credits can be turned into 'money' to bid on prizes at a giant All-Galaxy Auction on August 17. Pizza will be served to all participants. Extra credits can be earned by participating in a Factoid Hunt, by reading a classic or a book from the adult collection, or by passing The Electronic Bookshelf computer quiz.

Last year's auction was a big success with young people winning Celtics and Red Sox tickets, beach towels, books, cassette tapes, posters, sweatshirts, t-shirts, movie passes, and many other items. Similar items will be available this year. Young people may beam over to the Library's Information Desk to sign up.

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