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Walter J. Keiss Appointed Burlington County Superintendent of Schools

The New Jersey State Board of Education today approved the appointment of Walter J. Keiss of Mount Laurel as the new Burlington County Superintendent of Schools. Keiss, who has served as superintendent of schools in Tabernacle Township, Burlington County since 1994, was appointed to a three-year term by Commissioner of Education David Hespe.

The new county superintendent is a 30-year career educator who has served exclusively in Burlington County. He began his career as a teacher in the Hainesport Public Schools in 1970. In 1978, he was appointed assistant principal of Hainesport Elementary School. Two years later, he began a 14-year stint as the school's principal. During that period, he served twice as acting superintendent in Hainesport.

In addition to his salaried positions, Keiss has served as a school board member in Delran and Mt. Laurel. He is a former president of the Burlington County School Boards Association and the Burlington County Teachers Association, and he is a past vice president of the Mt. Laurel Board of Education.

In the community, Keiss has served in several capacities. He was a Boy Scout Counselor for five years and YMCA Youth Program Coordinator in Burlington County for eight years. He has also been active in Catholic Charities and the United Way.

Keiss holds a masters degree in educational administration from Glassboro State College and earned his bachelor of arts degree in history from Saint Francis College, Pennsylvania.

County superintendents of schools are appointed by the Commissioner and approved by the State Board of Education to serve for three-year year terms. They are responsible for assisting local school districts in their counties with educational planning and program improvement. They are also responsible for conducting and approving fiscal, educational facility and transportation services in their counties. County superintendents meet regularly with local superintendents to discuss state-level developments in education and help to identify needs and trends.