



Dr. Lamont Repollet Takes Helm as New Jersey's Acting Education Commissioner

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Trenton, NJ – Dr. Lamont Repollet, an educator with more than 20 years of experience ranging from classroom teacher to principal and superintendent, has been named New Jersey's Acting Commissioner of Education.

"As a teacher, principal, superintendent and a higher education trustee, Dr. Repollet brings deep knowledge and practical experience to the position," said Arcelio Aponte, President of the New Jersey State Board of Education. "His collaborative approach is welcomed by the State Board of Education and we look forward to working in partnership with him and his leadership team to advance our collective goals and priorities for public education."

"I am humbled and honored to receive the New Jersey State Board of Education's support to serve as Acting Commissioner of Education," Dr. Repollet said. "The work ahead will not be easy, but it is necessary to ensure that our students and educators are prepared for the challenges of tomorrow. To meet those challenges, we must work with our school communities across the state to look for ways to become more innovative, enhance educational equity, and ensure a holistic approach to supporting student learning."

Dr. Repollet, who began serving as Acting Commissioner on January 29, said he is looking forward to working with parents, educators and community members to create the best state school system in the nation. To build a brighter future for all students of New Jersey, Dr. Repollet will focus on four action pillars: educate, empower, train, and reward.

Dr. Repollet previously served as superintendent of the Asbury Park School District since 2014. As a transformational leader, he implemented new instructional and organizational approaches in the district. For example, he created a dropout prevention program called the "Power of 10," which resulted in significant increases in the graduation rate.

During his superintendency, Dr. Repollet set a culture of high expectations by introducing a Pre-K to Grade 12 Literacy Intervention and Leadership Development Initiative. He secured a \$2.5 million 21st Century Grant for afterschool programming for children in grades 4-8, and a \$500,000 Vocational Partnership Grant to create an Engineering Academy. He also developed a number of partnerships with parents, businesses and local leaders designed to foster organizational and instructional leadership within the district.

Dr. Repollet previously served in the Carteret Public Schools as principal at Carteret High School and Columbus Elementary School, as well as vice principal in the district. He also served as assistant principal at Irvington High School. He began his career in education in 1996 as a teacher in the East Orange School District.

He earned his doctorate in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University, his master's in Education Administration from Kean University, and his bachelor's in Communications from The College of New Jersey (formerly Trenton State College).

He resides in Somerset with his wife and two daughters.

Nominations for Education Commissioner first go to the Senate Judiciary Committee and then for a confirmation vote by the full Senate.

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