



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Dr. Lamont O. Repollet **Commissioner of Department of Education**



Dr. Lamont O. Repollet was appointed Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education by the New Jersey State Board of Education on January 29, 2018. Dr. Lamont O. Repollet was appointed Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education by the New Jersey State Board of Education on January 29, 2018. After receiving unanimous Senate confirmation, he was sworn in by Governor Philip D. Murphy on June 19, 2018 as New Jersey's Commissioner of Education.

As Commissioner, Dr. Repollet has worked to redesign the Department of Education to what he calls "DOE 2.0." He is transitioning the agency to become a model organization that strengthens teaching, leading and learning, and increases educational equity for students across New Jersey.

During his tenure as Commissioner, the state high-school graduation rate increased to 90.9 percent last year: the highest level since states began using a federally mandated methodology for calculating graduation rates in 2011.

In the past year, Dr. Repollet has also worked to move the Department of Education toward the next generation of assessments, proactively soliciting input from stakeholders

around the state. In addition, he and his team have worked to expand early childhood education; promote a school culture that embraces social and emotional learning; and strengthen STEM opportunities for students, including a focus on "Computer Science for All," which has led to 29 schools across the state receiving \$29 million in state funding.

From 2014 to 2018, Dr. Repollet served as superintendent of the Asbury Park School District. As a transformational leader, he implemented new instructional and organizational approaches in the district including the introduction of a pre-K to grade 12 Literacy Intervention and Leadership Development Initiative. Setting a culture of high expectations for the district, along with other innovative programs, helped increase the graduation rate by 30 percent.

Throughout his career in education, Dr. Repollet has earned honors and recognition from numerous civic and charitable organizations. Most recently Dr. Repollet was recognized as the 2018 Educator of the Year by the Chi Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Additionally, he was bestowed with an Annual Leadership Award by The New Jersey Chapter of the National Black MBA Association and a Community Service Award by Second Baptist Church of Asbury Park.

Dr. Repollet earned his doctorate in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. He received his Master's in Educational Administration from Kean University, and his Bachelor's in communications from The College of New Jersey. He is a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, and serves as a mentor for their Sigma Beta Club.

He lives in Somerset with his wife and two daughters.