



Dr. Caryn D. Cooper Biography

Dr. Caryn D. Cooper was named Acting Assistant Superintendent of Plainfield Public Schools by the Plainfield Board of Education, on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. Dr. Cooper will remain in the position until such time as the Board of Education requires her services or until a full-time Assistant Superintendent of Schools is hired.

Prior to this appointment, Dr. Cooper served the Plainfield Public Schools as Acting Superintendent of Schools, and prior to that, she was principal at Frederic W. Cook Elementary.

Dr. Cooper is a successful and experienced educator who has served the Plainfield Board of Education in many capacities. She previously served as Acting Assistant Superintendent of Schools in 2010 for (K-12) curriculum and instruction, providing overseeing programming to all the district's 15 schools. She previously served as an elementary school principal at a Plainfield District school that had been identified as in need of improvement, for 5 consecutive years. She was credited with its success and her school was identified as a *Best Practices School* and was awarded \$100,000 to continue innovative programming.

Dr. Cooper is passionately interested in the impact of principals on student learning, as well as Best Practices in teaching and learning. She has vast experience in education, having served in many capacities, as an educator for the Newark Public School District, Trenton and South Brunswick Schools.

Dr. Cooper received a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Kean University. A Master's Degree from Teachers College, Columbia University, in Curriculum and Instruction; a Master's in Educational Administration from Kean University, and a doctorate degree from The University of Pennsylvania. Her dissertation topic was Instructional Leadership: How Principals Conceptualize their Roles as School Leaders.

Dr. Cooper is currently a trustee member, serving on the Board, for the Plainfield Public Library. She is also a former member of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey chapter of the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)-serving as the Urban Liaison.

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