



Dr. Debra Sheard

Biography

Dr. Debra Sheard is an innovative and dynamic leader with over 22 years of experience in administration and teaching. She brings organizational and administrative expertise that will allow her to support and motivate staff to create the best possible learning environment for our children.

As the Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, Dr. Sheard will be responsible for supporting the advancement of the district's strategic direction, overseeing the day-to-day operations of Plainfield Public Schools and ensuring the highest level of resource accountability.

Dr. Sheard is a passionate advocate for educational equity. She has had several opportunities to impact change in education. As Assistant Superintendent in Kearny Public Schools, Kearny, NJ, in partnership with Teacher's College, she helped implement Readers Workshops strategy of reform, working to improve student achievement and eliminate achievement gaps. She also has school turnaround experience, having significantly improved achievement and closed achievement gaps at the middle schools in Perth Amboy Public Schools, Perth Amboy, NJ. During her career as an educator, Dr. Sheard has served as an interim superintendent, assistant superintendent, middle school principal, director of curriculum and instruction, and director of technology. She began her career as an elementary school teacher.

Office of Educational Services

The Office of Educational Services has a relentless focus on improving teaching and learning across all content areas and grade levels. Under the leadership of the Assistant Superintendent, the members of the Educational Services team will focus on the delivery of

curriculum and services to meet the needs of our diverse learners to achieve academic success. The Office of Educational Services is responsible for:

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Bilingual Education, ESL and World Languages
- Early Childhood Programs and Services
- Planning, Research, and Evaluation
- Special Education, Gifted and Talented, and Psychological Services
- College and Career Readiness

Education

- B.A., History, Thomas Edison State College, NJ
- M.A., Education & Human Development, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- Ed.D., Education, Leadership, Policy & Management, Seton Hall University, NJ