



Dr. Debra Jackson
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Dr. Debra Jackson is the New York State Commissioner for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. She is the first commissioner for New York and was appointed in 2015.

Dr. Jackson is a Senior Academic Facilitator for REACH and is available to work with potential clients. As a SAF, Debra works directly with REACH clients to provide face-to-face, electronic, and phone consultation aligned to leadership development and school improvement efforts.

Dr. Debra Jackson has 22 years of experience as a Superintendent of Schools in New York and New Jersey. She has served as an educational leader in diverse positions including Assistant Superintendent, Secondary and Elementary Principal, Director of Curriculum, Gifted Education, and OEP representative for NYSED. Dr. Jackson has published and co-authored in various journals and books in her field. She was named as the 2014 National Leader of the Year for Tech & Learning.

She has a significant background in organizational theory, and in cultivating strategic and systems leadership capacity. She has served as an adjunct professor at SUNY New Paltz and at Mt. St. Mary's College instructing in Supervision, Finance, Leadership, the Superintendency, Statistics and Critical Issues.

She has presented at numerous seminars and workshops focusing on a variety of leadership and advocacy issues affecting public education.

Dr. Jackson is an active member of the National Superintendents Roundtable, Suburban School Superintendents, and American Educational Research Association



and has served in educational organizations such as MSAN (Minority Students Association Network), MISA (Military Impacted Schools Association), GCS (Gifted Child Society), MHSSC (Mid-Hudson School Study Council), NYSCOSS (NYS Council of School Superintendents), and the Tri-State Consortium.

Dr. Jackson holds a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from Manhattanville College, and a master's in Administration, Policy and Urban Education from Fordham, Lincoln Center, where she received her doctoral degree in Leadership.

