

Bio for Franklin Township Community

Mr. Edward Seto served as a Superintendent of K-12 Schools in the New York City Department of Education over the last four years. In May of 2007, as the New York City Department of Education embarked on a new re-organizational structure, Mr. Seto was one of 16 Community School District Superintendents selected to remain as superintendent by New York City Department of Education's Chancellor Joel Klein.

During his four years as a superintendent serving in Region 7, under a regional superintendent, he played a key role in successfully planning and implementing the organization of a new regional teaching and learning structure to improve professional development and student achievement. It is important to note that Region 7 was the second highest performing region of the 10 New City Department of Education's regional structures.

In addition, Mr. Seto was appointed to the position of Community School District 20 Superintendent in Region 7 in September of 2006. Community School District 20 consists of 35 schools: 23 elementary schools, one K-8 school, eight middle schools and three high schools with a diverse student population of approximately 39,650 students, 400 administrators, 1900 teachers. Community School District 20 is ranked as one of the top five performing school districts of the 32 public school districts in New York City based on the English Language Arts and Mathematics State Assessments results. Student achievement continued to improve under his leadership.

Prior to becoming the Community School District 20 Superintendent, Mr. Seto was the Local Instructional Superintendent in District 31 in Region 7 on Staten Island from July 2003-August 2006. He was in charge of eleven schools consisting of: six elementary schools, two middle schools, two high schools and one K-12 school. During his three year tenure, schools under his supervision successfully implemented the New York City Department of Education's mandated curriculum in literacy and mathematics and used student data effectively to improve student achievement.

Mr. Seto served as the Principal of Curtis High School for eleven years and is credited with turning the school around as evidenced by the reduction in the school's dropout rate to less than 1%. He was an assistant-principal for four years and a high school reading and English teacher for 10 years.

He has been a guest lecturer in graduate educational leadership courses at Fordham University and the College of Staten Island. Mr. Seto completed his Master of Arts degree at N.Y.U., his 6th year Certificate Program in Administration and Supervision at the College of Staten Island and his undergraduate degree at Long Island University.

Mr. Seto has been honored on numerous occasions for his educational leadership and community service, some of which include: City Council for Distinguished Community Service, Project Hospitality Community Service Award, United Activities Unlimited of Staten Island as Educator of the Year, Awarded a Diamond Foundation Grant by Teachers College of Columbia University, Mayor Giuliani's Mayoral Proclamation celebrating Asian Pacific Heritage for his community service and twice as the Educator of the Year by the Catholic Teachers' Association.

He is the proud father of four children who attended the public schools in New York City.