Bedford Public Schools Superintendent Finalists Biographies



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023

DR. PORTIA S. BONNER

Dr. Portia S. Bonner served as Superintendent in East Haven, Connecticut and New Bedford, Massachusetts and most recently Interim Superintendent in Bozrah, Connecticut. Dr. Bonner served as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in Hamden, Connecticut. She has also served in the capacity of Supervisor of Science and Technology for the Waterbury Public Schools, Connecticut and served as principal and assistant principal for the Connecticut State Technical Career School System.

Dr. Bonner began her career as a high school Biology teacher for 15 years before taking on administrative roles. She earned an undergraduate degree in both Biology and Sociology from Skidmore College and her doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Connecticut. She also earned a Masters of Science in Developmental Biology from Purdue University. Most recently she authored a book on educational leadership and reform entitled, "Possibilities of the Impossible".

CLIFF CHUANG

Cliff Chuang currently serves as Senior Associate Commissioner at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. He leads the Center for Educational Options, which expands, enhances, and ensures equitable access to high quality educational options for learners of all ages, especially those who have been historically underserved. He is responsible for leading the agency's work supporting the wide range of educational options available to Massachusetts families, including charter, virtual, and other redesigned school models; career technical education; adult basic education; early learning; out-of-school time programs; and METCO. In addition, Cliff manages the Department's student and family support initiatives. He is a leader in the Department's diversity, equity, inclusion and anti-racism work and efforts to elevate student and family voices. Cliff also serves as adjunct faculty at the Boston University Wheelock College of Education & Human Development and as treasurer on the board of the Center for Learner Equity. Cliff started his career teaching secondary mathematics and science in Boston. He holds an A.B. in mathematics from Harvard University, and a M.Ed. in Secondary Mathematics Teaching from Boston College.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

DR. MATTHEW JANGER

Dr. Matthew Janger is currently in his 10th year as Principal of Arlington High School in Arlington, Massachusetts where he is leading the school through the second phase of their \$291 million high school building project. Prior to coming to Arlington, Dr. Janger served as Principal of Mount Desert Island High School in Bar Harbor, Maine and Wines Elementary School in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dr. Janger has earned a PhD and Master's Degree from the University of Michigan and an MBA from Yale University. He earned a Bachelor's degree in English from Williams College. His dissertation research focused on the process of systemic educational improvement in a group of elementary schools. Dr. Janger also conducted educational research on a wide range of topics while working at Policy Studies Associates in Washington, DC and the Center for the Improvement of Early Reading Achievement at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Janger's 9 years of classroom teaching experience began as a reading teacher at the Landmark School in Beverly, Massachusetts and continued as a secondary English teacher in New Hampshire and Michigan. In his educational career he has gained teaching experience in English, social sciences, mathematics, outdoor education, and educational methods.

DR. JUNE SABA-MAGUIRE

Dr. June Saba-Maguire is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Program Development, Expansion, Community Partnerships, and Engagement. Throughout her 29-year career, June has held numerous key positions in the Brockton Schools, including teacher, district administrator, Executive Director, and Chief Academic Officer. Additionally, she earned her Bachelor's degree from Bridgewater State College, a Master's from Cambridge College, her C.A.G.S. from Bridgewater State in Educational Leadership and most recently her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Boston College.

Dr. Saba-Maguire is experienced in leading the work of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and has led successful efforts to meet the needs of all learners. She focuses on building positive relationships and creating a culture of collaboration. She established the first Expanded Learning Time School in Brockton and through her work, implemented a district-wide dental health program, and implemented high-quality research-based resources PK-12. She co-created a professional partnership with Bridgewater State University that continues to flourish in the Brockton Schools.

Dr. Saba-Maguire is focused on expanding opportunities for PreK students with the long-term goal of universal Preschool for all students. Also, she is a member of the M.S.B.A. committee and is active in the planning for the rehabilitation of Brockton High School. Dr. Saba-Maguire seeks opportunities for internal and external community stakeholders to support the Brockton School community. She constantly explores innovative initiatives for the purpose of ensuring student development. Dr. Saba-Maguire is an advocate for equitable funding for all students and building strong school leaders (principals / associate principals) through professional development.