

DR. JOHN DEASY

Dr. John Deasy is the superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District, the nation's second largest school district. In this role, Dr. Deasy oversees all educational and administrative issues, and develops operational procedures for the District; recommends review procedures for the allocation of staff and for special studies authorized by the Los Angeles Board of Education, and directs the assignment of school administrators.

In his role he also administers the overall educational activities of the District's schools and centers; integrates the overall educational program of schools and centers with the services of other organizational units to provide the most efficient and effective education possible for students.

In addition, Dr. Deasy interprets the policies and regulations of the Los Angeles Board of Education and monitors all programs to ensure consistency with District policies and fiscal responsibility.

Prior to joining the Los Angeles Unified School District in August 2010, Dr. Deasy served as Deputy Director of Education for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

In that role, he led the programmatic work on effective teaching. Prior to joining the foundation, he served as superintendent of the Prince George's County, Maryland, Public Schools, where he earned a national reputation for his leadership in significantly narrowing the achievement gap between low-income and minority students and their peers. During his time in Prince George's, Dr. Deasy also launched a pay-for-performance plan that was approved by the Board of Education and developed jointly with labor, making the district a leader nationally in efforts to reward teachers for gains in student achievement.

Previously, he served as superintendent of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District in California and of the Coventry Public Schools in Rhode Island. In all three districts, he championed rigorous and ambitious learning opportunities for youth, fair teacher and administrator evaluations, pay-for-performance, staff development and training, and data-based decision-making. Dr. Deasy brought nearly three decades of extensive successful experience in education to the foundation.

He has been a Broad Fellow, an Annenberg Fellow, a State Superintendent of the Year, a presenter at numerous state and national conferences, and a consultant to school districts undertaking high school reform and district-wide improvement strategies. He has spoken and written extensively on education and serves on numerous boards.