

MaryEllen Elia

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ◆ **Partner, International Center for Leadership in Education (ICLE), a division of learning company** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), New York; September 2019 to present. As a well-established education expert serves as a vital thought leader for ICLE, contributing to the vision and content development within her specialized practice areas, which will include policy, community schools, teacher evaluation systems, standards, school choice and urban education.
 - Support the Center's growth by providing strategic guidance of consultants within their practice field.
 - Extend engagement within the professional services landscape at-large through publication, speaking engagements, content and programming development and more.
 - Work directly with educators in the field to best serve evolving needs of schools and teachers.
- ◆ **New York State Commissioner of Education and President of the University of the State of New York (USNY);** May 2015 – August 2019
 - Secured U.S. Department of Education approval of New York's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan.
 - Worked on the adoption of the State's *Next Generation Learning Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics*.
 - Led New York's efforts to help ensure that New York's schools are welcoming places for all, by implementing a multi-pronged strategy that involves mental health instruction, social emotional learning, and the creation of safe learning environments.
 - Advocated for significant State funding and support for the My Brother's Keeper initiative, which provides programs and financial support for boys and young men of color.
- ◆ **Superintendent, School District of Hillsborough County, Tampa, Florida; 2005 – 2015**
 - Implemented higher learning standards
 - Used a 100 million grant from the Gates Foundation to overhaul its teacher evaluation system using student standardized test scores as a rubric
 - Negotiated a merit pay system with the teachers based on criteria than seniority.
 - Earned national recognition for gains in student achievement
 - Supported magnet programs and school choice and used the MSAP grant to open and revitalize schools and programs.
- ◆ **Other Administrative Positions; School District of Hillsborough County, Tampa, Florida; 1990-2005**
 - Director of Facilities
 - Director of Magnet Schools and Programs
 - Supervisor of Reading

EDUCATION

- Master of Education; University of Buffalo
- Master of Professional Studies; SUNY Buffalo
- Bachelor of Arts degree in History; Daeman College (formerly Rosary Hill College), Buffalo

ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

- First female New York State Commissioner of Education
- 2015 Florida Superintendent of the Year
- One of four finalists for the 2015 National Superintendent of the Year award.
- Recipient of the 2015 AASA Women in School Leadership Award from the School Superintendents Association

REFERENCES◆ Available upon request