

Welcome Remarks

Hanseul Kang
State Superintendent of Education
DC Office of State Superintendent of Education



Superintendent Hanseul Kang became DC's state superintendent of education in March 2015. Superintendent Kang previously served as chief of staff for the state of Tennessee's Department of Education. A seasoned leader and former high school teacher, Superintendent Kang reorganized and restructured the department to reflect strategic priorities, and created a more streamlined budget process that allowed for improved personnel decision-making and better use of resources. Superintendent Kang was part of the team that implemented policies and offered support to districts and schools that resulted in Tennessee becoming one of the fastest improving states in the nation in student achievement outcomes. Prior to joining Tennessee's education department, Superintendent Kang worked for Teach for America, where she was a managing director of program for the organization's regional office in the District. Superintendent Kang led a team of program directors supporting middle and high school teachers in schools across the District and Prince George's County. Superintendent Kang holds a Bachelor's Degree in international politics from Georgetown University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School, and was a Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholar. Superintendent Kang is a member of Chiefs for Change and serves on the Governing Board of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC).

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