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Former School Administrator Joins State Board of Education

A retired assistant superintendent from Ocean County today joined the State Board of Education as its newest member. Margaret F. Bartlett of Pine Beach was appointed by Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco and sworn in on Friday.

"I look forward to using my skills and experience as a teacher and school administrator to work with the State Board and the Comissioner of Education to help shape education policy," Bartlett said.

"As a former curriculum coordinator, I hope I can add a school level perspective as the department begins the review of the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

"I have spent my career in education and have been committed to providing opportunities to all young people," said Bartlett. "Over the years, I have seen schools respond to public expectations by taking on greater roles and responsibilities in many areas. I am proud of the collective accomplishments of New Jersey educators in the face of diverse and often difficult challenges."

"Margaret Bartlett has impressive credentials," said State Board President Maud Dahme. "I look forward to the contributions she will make to our efforts to ensure that students throughout the state receive a quality education delivered by first-rate teachers in a safe school environment."

Bartlett began her 30-year career in education as a teacher in Wisconsin and later in New York. She then settled in the Toms River area and taught language arts to seventh graders at Toms River Intermediate School East. From there, she accepted the position of language arts supervisor for the district's intermediate level, a post she held for 11 years.

She then became district supervisor of social studies at the intermediate level for three years. After that, she became the district's supervisor of curriculum and instruction for four years. She was appointed assistant superintendent for the district in 1992, and she retired in 1999.

Bartlett holds a bachelors degree in English from Marian College of Fond du Lac in Wisconsin, and a masters degree in social studies from the State University of New York at Albany. She also had a postgraduate fellowship at the university's Graduate School of Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

State Board of Education members are appointed by the Governor and approved by the State Senate. Board members serve six-year terms.

Bartlett is married and lives in Pine Beach with her husband John. She has two adult children.