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New Jersey Department of Education Announces State Superintendent of Camden City School District

Trenton, NJ – The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) announced today its recommendation of **Alfonso Q. Llano Jr.** for appointment as State Superintendent of the Camden City School District, a recommendation that the New Jersey State Board of Education then approved.

“I am pleased that the New Jersey State Board of Education has appointed Alfonso Q. Llano Jr. as the next State Superintendent of the Camden City School District,” said **Governor Murphy**. “Mr. Llano knows that strong schools are built on collaboration, trust, and a shared commitment to student success. His leadership will strengthen partnerships across Camden and ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive while we work together to build a brighter future for Camden’s students.”

“Mr. Llano’s distinguished career and proven leadership uniquely position him to guide Camden’s schools into their next chapter of success,” said **NJDOE Commissioner Kevin Dehmer**. “For more than 27 years, he has advanced academic performance, expanded opportunities for all learners, and built systems that support students, families, and educators. His approach aligns with our priorities across New Jersey—putting students first, ensuring schools are safe and supportive, and providing every learner with the conditions they need to succeed.”

“As evidenced by his extensive career in education, Mr. Llano is well equipped to lead the Camden City School District as its next State Superintendent,” said **State Board President Kathy Goldenberg**. “The students, families, and educators in the Camden City School District will benefit from Mr. Llano’s experience and leadership. On behalf of the State Board of Education, I look forward to working with Mr. Llano as he shepherds the Camden City School District’s next chapter.”

Mr. Llano currently serves as Superintendent of Vineland Public Schools, leading 10,000 students and 1,000 staff. He implemented a Strategic Plan and a community-driven Portrait of a Graduate, expanded Career and Technical Education pathways, and secured a dual enrollment grant to increase college access. He also invested in safety infrastructure and championed equitable early childhood and bilingual programs.

Previously, he served as Acting Superintendent of Trenton Public Schools, overseeing 14,000 students and a \$340 million budget during the pandemic, ensuring access to technology and instructional continuity. Earlier roles include Chief Academic Officer, Assistant Superintendent, principal, and teacher—each marked by a commitment to equity and student success.

Mr. Llano earned a Master of Arts in Urban Education: Administration and Supervision from New Jersey City University, a Master of Arts in Instruction and Curriculum from Kean University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Rowan University. He is currently a doctoral candidate in Educational Leadership, Management and Policy at Seton Hall University.

Commissioner Kevin Dehmer stated, “We also want to extend our sincere gratitude to **Acting State District Superintendent Dr. Davida Coe-Brockington** for serving during this transitional period. Since being named Acting Superintendent in July 2025, Dr. Coe-Brockington has worked closely with staff, students, and community stakeholders to maintain continuity, uphold district operations, and keep the needs of Camden’s students at the forefront.”

“I am honored to serve the incredible Camden community and remain deeply committed to transparent, collaborative leadership,” said **Alfonso Q. Llano Jr.** “I am eager to begin this work with a clear focus on ensuring every student has access to the high-quality opportunities they deserve, and I look forward to building strong partnerships that will help us achieve this shared vision.”

In accordance with State law, the Commissioner advanced his recommendation, and the New Jersey State Board of Education approved the appointment. Mr. Llano will begin serving as State Superintendent of the Camden City School District on March 1, 2026.



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