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DOE Commissioner Librera to Resign in September

Commissioner of Education William L. Librera announced today that he will be resigning in September to accept a leadership position in the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers University.

The Commissioner's last day in office will be Wednesday, September 7, the date of the monthly meeting of the State Board of Education.

"I always anticipated spending only four years at DOE, and I expected to submit my resignation in December or January," Dr. Librera said. "However, my acceptance of this extraordinary opportunity at Rutgers means that I will have to begin that work in early September.

"It has been much more than an honor and a privilege to serve as Commissioner of Education here in New Jersey," he said. "The support the department's efforts receive from the Governor, the Legislature, the State Board and the entire education community has made us a national leader in many areas, and I expect that support will continue.

"We still have work to do to ensure that all of our children are well-prepared, but we now have a stronger foundation upon which to build," he said.

The Commissioner explained that the position at Rutgers GSE will involve the development of expanded and productive partnerships between the university and the public schools. He said additional details on the project will be announced by Rutgers in mid-September.

Dr. Librera, 59, was an associate professor at New Jersey City University and the president of an educational consulting firm when he was nominated as Education Commissioner by former Governor James E. McGreevey. He was confirmed by the state Senate on January 24, 2002.

During his career in education, Dr. Librera spent twenty years as a superintendent, five years as a principal, and seven years as a middle school and high school history teacher.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Vermont and a Master of Education degree and a doctorate in education from Rutgers University.