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State Board of Education Elects New President, Vice President for 2010-11

The State Board of Education has elected Arcelio Aponte as president and Dr. Ronald K. Butcher as vice president for the 2010-11 academic year.

A resident of Piscataway, President Aponte has served on the State Board since 2005. He previously served as vice president from 2006 until being elected to his new position.

"I am very proud of the work the State Board has accomplished during the past several years and I am eager to work with my fellow board members, Commissioner Schundler and the Department of Education's leadership to continue to make great strides in public education," President Aponte said. "It is imperative that we prepare students to be successful in school and to be able to work in a 21st century economy driven by information, knowledge and innovation."

President Aponte is the director of operations and management for the City of Newark's Department of Economic and Housing Development. He holds a master of arts in business administration from Rutgers University and a bachelor of science in electronic engineering technology from The College of New Jersey.

Vice President Butcher was appointed to the State Board in 1990 and previously served as president in 2007-08 and as vice president from 1999 to 2003.

"It has been a privilege to serve on the State Board of Education for 20 years and I look forward to what promises to be a year of challenges and reforms in public education," he said. "The State Board has the tremendous responsibility of helping guide education policy for more than a million public school students in New Jersey."

Vice President Butcher, who lives in Pitman, is a retired administrator at Rowan University's College of Education and is president of the consulting firm Ronald K. Butcher and Associates Inc. He holds a Ph.D. in educational administration and supervision from the University of Michigan. He also holds a master of arts in education leadership from Eastern Michigan University and a bachelor of science in business education from Western Michigan University.

The State Board is responsible for adopting the administrative code, which sets the rules needed to implement state education law. The 13-member board is appointed by the [Governor](#) with advice and consent of the New Jersey Senate. Members serve six-year terms without compensation.