



## **Christie Administration Announces Departure of Newark Public Schools Superintendent Cami Anderson**

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**Trenton, NJ** –Commissioner of Education David Hespe today announced that Cami Anderson will be stepping down as State Superintendent of the Newark Public School District.

"Superintendent Anderson has worked tirelessly over the last four years to implement a bold educational vision for the students and parents of Newark," said Commissioner Hespe. "Under Cami's leadership, the Newark school district signed a landmark teacher's contract, implemented One Newark, and increased flexibility and support in virtually every school in Newark. We know that these positive educational reforms will continue to benefit the students and parents of Newark for years to come."

Superintendent Anderson will depart the district by July 8, 2015. By July 8, 2015, Commissioner Hespe will recommend to the State Board of Education the appointment of Chris Cerf to the position of State Superintendent for the Newark Public Schools. Mr. Cerf will be recommended for a three-year contract consistent with initial contracts in other state-operated districts including most recently Camden.

Governor Chris Christie and Newark Mayor Ras Baraka plan to issue a more detailed statement in the coming days on this leadership transition to establish a common vision and path forward for the future of the Newark Public School District.

Governor Chris Christie named Cami Anderson as State Superintendent of Newark on May 4, 2011, and she was officially appointed State Superintendent by the State Board of Education on June 1, 2011. Immediately prior to her appointment as Superintendent, Anderson served as the superintendent of Alternative High Schools and Programming for the New York City Department of Education.

Chris Cerf joins the district after having served as the New Jersey Commissioner of Education in the Christie Administration from January 2011 to February 2014. During that time he worked extensively on improving education for Newark students and families. He has comprehensive experience in large city school leadership positions having served as Deputy Chancellor of the New York City Department of Education during the Bloomberg Administration. During his career, Cerf has also served as Associate Counsel to President Bill Clinton and Law Clerk to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. He has also taught high school history for four years. He most recently served as CEO of Amplify Insight.