



State of New Jersey

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adoption Resolution  
December 7, 2022

## Resolution to Honor Dr. Ernest P. Lepore

**Whereas**, Dr. Ernest P. Lepore was first appointed to the New Jersey State Board of Education in 2004, and is being honored for his commitment and dedication to public education through his role as an education policymaker having served under five Governors, seven State Board of Education Presidents and collaborated with 12 Commissioners of Education; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Lepore played an integral part in facilitating the institution of a variety of initiatives to support the needs of students, including revised academic standards, graduation requirements and assessments, and the expansion of early childhood education, all of which challenged the education community to expand the view of a traditional education and consider the diverse needs of students; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Lepore contributed significantly to the work of the State Board and the Department of Education through his service on the Legal Committee, Legislative/Administrative Code Committee, Strategic Planning/Retreat Committee, and the Urban Education Committee; and

**Whereas**, through his service on the Local Control Committee, Dr. Lepore consistently contributed to the decisions to return local control to three of the State-operated school districts during his tenure on the State Board; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Lepore has been recognized not only for his extensive and outstanding service to public education at the preschool, elementary and high school levels but also through his exemplary career in higher education and his service to numerous professional advisory boards, associations and conferences at national and international levels; and

**Whereas**, the State Board of Education recognizes Dr. Ernest P. Lepore's numerous accomplishments and his contributions to education in New Jersey through his qualities as an insightful, innovative policymaker and advocate for all children and educators, as well as his personal qualities of warmth, wit, and unconventional style; now therefore be it

**Resolved**, it is both fitting and proper that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education express their sincere appreciation for Dr. Ernest P. Lepore's commitment to his role as a State Board member and for his service to the education community; and be it further

**Resolved**, the New Jersey State Board of Education appreciates his dedication and service to the children of New Jersey.

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