



State of New Jersey  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adoption Resolution  
February 4, 2026

**Resolution in Honor of Commissioner Kevin J. Dehmer**

**Whereas**, Mr. Kevin J. Dehmer has served with integrity and distinction as Commissioner of Education, including service as Acting Commissioner and Interim Commissioner on multiple occasions, and is being honored for his exemplary leadership of the New Jersey Department of Education; and

**Whereas**, Commissioner Dehmer began his career at the New Jersey Department of Education as an intern and, over the course of nearly two decades of public service, rose through the ranks to become Commissioner, reflecting a deep institutional knowledge of the Department of Education and a lifelong commitment to public education; and

**Whereas**, throughout his career at the Department of Education, Commissioner Dehmer held numerous senior leadership roles, including Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Finance and Business Services and Chief Financial Officer, where he oversaw the administration of State education funding representing approximately one-third of the State's annual budget, as well as more than one billion dollars in federal education funds; and

**Whereas**, Commissioner Dehmer played a central role in supporting efforts to fully fund New Jersey's school funding formula under the School Funding Reform Act for the first time in State history; and

**Whereas**, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Commissioner Dehmer provided steady leadership to New Jersey's public education system, guiding the safe reopening of schools, supporting students and educators during unprecedented disruption, and helping administer more than four billion dollars in federal COVID-19 relief funding to New Jersey school districts; and

**Whereas**, Commissioner Dehmer was the architect of the State's efforts to close the digital divide during the pandemic, leading the development and implementation of initiatives that expanded access to devices and connectivity for students and educators statewide, thereby ensuring continuity of instruction and long-term improvements in digital access; and

**Whereas**, during his tenure, Commissioner Dehmer advanced landmark education initiatives, including the expansion of high-quality State-funded preschool, as well as efforts to strengthen early literacy instruction, support student mental health, and promote academic recovery and resilience in the post-pandemic era; and

**Whereas**, Commissioner Dehmer's leadership has been marked by a commitment to fiscal responsibility, collaboration with educators and stakeholders, and an unwavering focus on improving outcomes for New Jersey's students; and

**Whereas**, after almost twenty years dedicated to the betterment of public education in New Jersey, Mr. Kevin J. Dehmer is concluding his service as Commissioner of Education; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,** that the New Jersey State Board of Education hereby expresses its sincere gratitude to Mr. Kevin J. Dehmer for his years of dedicated service to the students, educators, and families of New Jersey, and for his leadership as Commissioner of Education; and be it further

**Resolved,** that the New Jersey State Board of Education honors Mr. Kevin J. Dehmer for his distinguished record of public service and extends its best wishes for continued success and fulfillment in his future endeavors.

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Kathy Goldenberg, President  
N.J. State Board of Education