Saluting Superintendents

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Thoughts...

- **Jeff would like to thank the Lake Shore CSD and Depew UFSD Board of Education members that were on the Boards when he was given the opportunity to serve their schools and communities.**
- **Dr. Rabey would like to thank those individuals that have mentored him along the way.**
- **On Board of Education meeting nights, you will find Dr. Rabey most likely teaching one of his courses at the college level once he retires.**
- **His message for Albany and elected officials is simple: allow for more tax cap exemptions, provide mandate relief, increase fund balance range limits, reduce reporting requirements and support a sustainable agenda through following through with foundation aid reform.**

Dr. Jeffrey Rabey says his best moments as a Superintendent is hands down - each year - The first day of school! Dr. Rabey is a graduate of Holland High School. His fondest memory of High School was when Mr. Tanner who taught U.S. History and took the time to work with students. He convinced me to go to college to purse a teaching degree. Dr. Rabey began his teaching career in the Pioneer CSD where he was a Special Education teacher. He then became a counselor and then an Assistant Principal for the Pioneer school system. He became Principal at Forestville Middle/High School for a year before returning to Pioneer where he served as Middle School Principal. He became Principal in the Warsaw CSD before becoming the Director of Secondary at Education at Lancaster CSD. After 3 years in Lancaster, Dr. Rabey became Superintendent at Lake Shore CSD for 5 years before moving to his current position at Depew UFSD where he has served the last 12 years. Dr. Rabey's greatest accomplishments include the passing of numerous capital projects, 100% successful budget passing rate (for 17 years) and increasing the graduation rate from 70% to 98%.

Dr. Rabey is an extremely busy individual and will continue to remain active after retiring as Superintendent. He plans to work full time as a professor at D'Youville University in the Educational Leadership Doctoral program and consulting through Leading Forward 716. When he is not working, he hopes to enjoy many of his hobbies and pastimes which include running, cycling, golfing, gardening and spending time with his wife and daughters. When asked about the mes-

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sage he would like to leave with ECASB members, he stated that "During this time of uncertainty, it is vital that Superintendents and Board of Education work toward the common goal of doing what is good for our students. There is no place for politics, or hidden agendas in our schools".

Jeff has received numerous awards and honors over the years as well as published many reports, books and articles. A few of his accomplishments are listed below:

- Active Member of the Board of Directors for Lancaster YMCA
- Member of Lancaster-Depew Prevention Coalition (now FOCUS)
- Immediate Past Chairman of the Alumni Board of Governors - Daemen College
- Served as Vice President of the Boys and Girls Club of Lake Shore
- Recognized as National Academy Foundation Leadership Fellow
- Received the 2016 Innovation Award from Lancaster Area Chamber of Commerce
- Received the Lancaster Areas Chamber of Commerce Community Leadership Award
- Received the Daemen College Distinguished Alumni Award
- Named in Business First's Who's Who in Education
- Recipient of the Walter Klein American Legion Post #514 Humanitarian of the Year Award
- Avid marathoner/cyclist for the Empire State Ride—a 500 mile fundraiser ride for Roswell Park Cancer Institute.
- Currently an Assistant Professor in Educational Leadership Program at D'Youville University
- Superintendent Representative to Section VI of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association
- Past president of the Western New York Education Service Council
- Past president of the Erie-Niagara School Superintendents' Association
- Served on the ECASB Executive Board as the Superintendent Representative
- Member of the Advisory Board for the Depew High School Academy of Finance
- Past president of the Section VI of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association
- Representative on the House of Delegates for the New York State Council of Superintendents
- Member of the New York State Master Teacher Program Application Review Committee
- Under Review: Managing Yourself and Others During Crisis Situations: Surviving and Thriving as an Educational Leader in Spite of it All. W. Polka (2021), Rowan the Littlefield Chapter 4 A Practicing Superintendent's Experiences During a Global Crisis : Recommendations for Preparing for the Next One.
- Board of Education/ Superintendent Relationships for ECASB
- The Board of Education's Role on the Governance Team.
- Superintendents Coping with Stress and Self-Managing for Success and Satisfaction: A Synthesis of Recent Studies: International Society for Educational Planning, Baltimore, Maryland