



INTRODUCING DR. LAURA FEIJÓO

The City School District of New Rochelle Board of Education has appointed Dr. Laura Feijóo as the District's new Superintendent of Schools, effective November 1, 2019.

Dr. Feijóo holds a bachelor's degree in education, master's degree in special education and specialist diploma in educational leadership all from Queens College. She earned her doctorate degree in educational leadership from New York University.

Dr. Feijóo currently serves the New York City Department of Education in the capacity of Senior Superintendent. In this role, she is directly responsible for supporting schools across all divisions in policy and labor management.

Dr. Feijóo additionally was selected by her colleagues to serve as President of the New York State Council of School Superintendents during the 2017-2018 school year.

Previously, she served for four years as the Senior Supervising Superintendent for the Chancellor's Central Office, overseeing all of the superintendents in the city and their office operations. Prior to being promoted to that role, Dr. Feijóo served as Senior Superintendent, overseeing all operations, instruction and staff in District 79's Alternative Schools, Office of Adult and Continuing Education as well as a series of other undertakings within the Department. Her extensive experience also includes serving as Deputy Regional Superintendent, Deputy Senior Supervising Superintendent, Executive Officer for Instruction and Community Superintendent for School District 20, among others.

In all of these roles, Dr. Feijóo has supported the instructional and organizational practices of principals over the last 29 years, specifically in the areas of leadership, effective instructional goal setting, and leading teams to support individual school communities and student outcomes. Dr. Feijóo also served as the Principal of PS/MS 499, the Queens College School for Mathematics, Science and Technology. As the first appointed principal of this unique learning environment, she established a strong relationship with college faculty, teachers and parents. In partnership with the college, she enabled her teaching faculty to collaborate in the development of content planning, curriculum mapping and the design of professional development, especially in the areas of balanced literacy and an inquiry based approach to mathematics and science. Dr. Feijóo's experience as an instructional leader at every level from building principal to superintendent will transform how we educate every child from pre-K to grade 12.

Dr. Feijóo's professional and personal background are in support of our District's larger strategic mission to have a pedagogical staff that is ethnically more reflective of the students we serve and knowledgeable of cultural differences and learning styles in our diverse population. As an educator, she has served in the Office of Equity and Access with a focus on ending long-standing racial, ethnic and socioeconomic disparities by addressing opportunity gaps which exist among historically underserved students. She supported several initiatives aimed at closing the achievement gap and fostered initiatives to support New York City's most vulnerable students. Programs Dr. Feijóo supported included AP Expansion Program, Summer Quest and the DREAM Program. Personally, she has made blending cultures an important aspect of her children's upbringing, teaching them both English and Spanish, and exposing them to various facets of their Ecuadorian and Italian heritage. To that end, her family, as a whole, is able to embrace their diverse backgrounds and engage more deeply with relatives' native customs and cultures.