

## **Lillian Lowery**

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In July 2012, Dr. Lillian Lowery began serving as Maryland's state superintendent of schools. Previously, she was the Secretary of Education for the Delaware Department of Education, where she distinguished herself by facilitating a broad-based statewide strategic planning and grant application process which resulted in Delaware being selected as the "First State" to be awarded the federal Race to the Top grant. She has led the efforts to establish Teacher and Leaders Effectiveness Units as well as Turnaround Units within the State Department, which have assisted in the implementation of the grant and the improvement of instructional opportunities for students. Additionally, she has helped to differentiate the support for local school districts in an effort to assist them in their improvement efforts, as well as hold them accountable for student success.

Prior to serving as the State of Delaware Secretary of Education, Dr. Lowery was the Superintendent in Christina School District in New Castle County, Delaware for three years. She has served as an Assistant Superintendent in Fairfax County, Virginia and an Area Administrator in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Other administrative experiences have included serving as both an assistant principal and principal at the high school level, and as the Minority Student Achievement Monitor. In addition, she taught English at the middle and high school levels in Virginia.

Dr. Lowery holds a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from Virginia Polytechnic and State University, as well as a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from University of North Carolina, and a Bachelor of Arts in English and Secondary Education from North Carolina Central University. She is also a nationally known speaker and recognized as a leader among chief state school officials.