

Lisa J. Gleason, Ed.D.



“Learning is the making of meaning”

Dr. Robert Kegan, Harvard Psychologist

Dr. Lisa Gleason is a passionate educational leader who is committed to the highest levels of academic excellence and radically innovative engagement for the 1.4 million students in New Jersey’s public schools. “At the hub of great teaching and learning is a curriculum that must be authentic, inclusive, and meaningful. Only then can we spark insightful, challenging classroom conversations that inspire students to make meaning of the world around them and act as agents of change for the future.”

Dr. Gleason’s work in the field of education includes the development of the Monmouth County Curriculum Consortium, a network of more than 60 New Jersey districts that collaborate in the development and execution of high quality curricular initiatives. Her teaching career spans all grade bands from kindergarten through high school - from Point Pleasant Borough Schools, Asbury Park School District, and Tinton Falls Schools. Her administrative career began in Belmar School District, where Dr. Gleason served as the principal and director of curriculum and led the successful development of a regional STEAM Tank Makerfest, a student-centered opportunity to engineer innovative solutions to global issues. In 2017, Dr. Gleason joined the Wall Township School District, serving as the K-12 director of curriculum and focusing her efforts on the development of teacher leadership, mentorship, and the

continued expansion of student-centered, collaborative opportunities to research, identify, and address global issues.

In addition to her service on the executive advisory board of the Monmouth County Curriculum Consortium, Dr. Gleason served as the NJASA liaison to the New Jersey Amistad Stakeholder Group, a council charged with infusing an authentic history of Africans and African-Americans within the social studies curriculum and raising public awareness about the importance of the history of African-Americans to the growth and development of American society in global context.

Dr. Gleason holds a bachelor's degree in Marketing & Communications from the State University of New York at the Fashion Institute of Technology. She completed her masters degree in School Administration and Leadership at Georgian Court University, where she is currently an adjunct professor. Dr. Gleason earned her doctorate in Education from Saint Peter's University.

In Fall 2020, Dr. Gleason welcomed the extraordinary opportunity to join the New Jersey Department of Education as the Assistant Commissioner of the Office of Academics and Performance. She is committed to a leadership vision that empowers students to be self-directed, collaborative, and emotionally resilient learners who have equitable access to superior curriculum and ubiquitous technology to prepare them to contribute to society in productive, meaningful, and innovative ways.

Married and the mother of three adult sons, Dr. Gleason resides in Point Pleasant, New Jersey. She is an avid reader, writer, and self-proclaimed "home chef." She is in the pre-publication stage of the book she has co-authored, *"Listen, Learn, Lift: Learning Through The Lens of Experienced Leaders In Education and Beyond."*