



2005 FINALIST SUPERINTENDENTS

Nadine Kujawa, Aldine Independent School District

Nadine Kujawa is superintendent of the Aldine Independent School District, the 11th largest school district in Texas and one of the nation's 100 largest public school systems. Prior to her appointment as superintendent, Kujawa served as deputy superintendent of Human Resources and Instruction. Throughout her 40-year education career at Aldine, Kujawa served in numerous roles, including teacher, principal, assistant superintendent and deputy superintendent. Kujawa is a graduate of Aldine High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Sam Houston State University and a master's degree from the University of Houston. *For more information, please contact Mike Keeney at (281) 985-6213.*

Thomas W. Payzant, Boston Public Schools

Tom Payzant was appointed superintendent of Boston Public Schools in August 1995. He previously served as President Clinton's Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, where he worked closely with the administration to enact passage of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, the Safe Schools Act and the School-to-Work Opportunities Act. In 1992, Payzant was awarded the Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education, and in 1999, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents named him Massachusetts Superintendent of the Year. Payzant received a bachelor's degree in American history and literature from Williams College and a master's degree in teaching and doctorate in education from Harvard University. He holds honorary doctorate degrees from Williams College, Claremont Graduate University and Lesley College. *For more information, please contact Jonathan Palumbo at (617) 635-9494.*

Joel I. Klein, New York City Department of Education

Joel I. Klein was appointed chancellor of the newly reorganized New York City Department of Education in July 2002 by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. Prior to his appointment, Klein served as chairman and chief executive officer of Bertelsmann, Inc., and assistant attorney general in charge of the U.S. Department of Justice's antitrust division. Klein, a product of the city's public school system, earned his bachelor's degree at Columbia University and his juris doctorate from Harvard Law School. During a brief leave of absence from law school, Klein also studied at New York University's School of Education and later taught math to sixth grade students in Queens. *For more information, please contact Stephen Morello at (212) 374-0260.*

Stephen C. Jones, Norfolk Public Schools

Stephen C. Jones was appointed superintendent of Norfolk Public Schools in July 2005. Previously, Jones was superintendent of the Syracuse City School District in New York, a position he held since 1999. Before his appointment to Syracuse City Schools, Jones was the executive director of Community of Caring. He worked in Baltimore County

Public Schools for xx years in positions including area and associate superintendent, coordinator of the office of minority education, middle school principal and high school assistant principal. Jones began his career in 1970 as a social studies teacher. He has a bachelor's degree in history, a master's degree in educational administration and supervision and his Ed.D. in urban educational leadership, all from Morgan State University in Baltimore.

Jones follows in the footsteps of former superintendent Dr. John O. Simpson and interim superintendent Dr. Denise K. Schnitzer. Simpson was superintendent of Norfolk Public Schools from July 1998 until he retired in July 2004, when he handed the reins over to Schnitzer, a 32-year veteran of the district. During his tenure, Simpson won several awards recognizing his outstanding service to urban public education and his motto, "All means all" still echoes throughout the district. *For more information, please contact Vincent Rhodes at (757) 628-3830.*

Arlene Ackerman, San Francisco Unified School District

Dr. Arlene Ackerman was appointed superintendent of San Francisco Public Schools in 2000. Prior to her appointment, she served as the superintendent of District of Columbia Public Schools and has more than 36 years of experience in public education serving in various roles, including teacher, principal, director of intervention services, assistant superintendent, and deputy superintendent. Ackerman received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Harris Stowe Teachers College before earning two masters: one from Washington University and the other from Harvard University, where she also completed the Urban Superintendent's program and her Ed.D. *For more information, please contact Lorna Ho at (415) 531-2943.*