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### **Department of Education Names New Communications Director**

Commissioner of Education David C. Hespe has named Janet Thompson as Director of Communications for the Department of Education.

"Janet brings to the department a wealth of knowledge and experience in communications and government relations," Hespe said. "She will help spearhead the department's ongoing efforts to keep the public and the media informed about the many innovative initiatives that are raising the standards of public education in New Jersey.

During her career, Thompson has worked as a New Jersey State House reporter for Gannett News Service and as communications director for the State Senate Republican Office. For the past eight years, she served as deputy chief of staff and press secretary for Congressman Bob Franks (R-NJ).

Thompson replaces John Crosbie who left the department to accept a position in the private sector.