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Commissioner Gagliardi Names Gary Friedland Chief of Staff

Commissioner of Education Vito A. Gagliardi, Sr., has named Dr. Gary Friedland of Long Valley, Morris County, Chief of Staff of the New Jersey Department of Education.

Dr. Friedland, a career educator, has been superintendent of the Springfield Public Schools in Springfield, Union County, since 1986.

"Gary Friedland brings many years of supervisory experience to the job," Commissioner Gagliardi said. "His track record in managing personnel and projects, combined with his knowledge of our education system, will enhance the Department of Education's ability to fulfill its mission."

Friedland began his career as a science teacher in various public schools in New Jersey. He then served as a teaching principal in a three-room school house in North Hero, Vermont. After three years, he returned to New Jersey as the administrative principal of the Green Hills Elementary School, Green Township.

From Green Township, he went to Livingston to serve as a school principal. Six years later he left Livingston for Springfield where he supervised more than 300 staff and a budget of \$23 million as the district's superintendent of schools. During this time, he also entered higher education as an adjunct professor in educational administration for Seton Hall University and Kean University.

He earned his bachelors degree in psychology from Windham College, Vermont. He earned a masters degree in administration from Newark State Teachers College (now Kean University) in administration and a masters in curriculum and the Teaching of Reading from the University of Vermont. He received his doctorate in Public School Administration from Columbia University.

Friedland is past president of the New Jersey School Development Council at Rutgers, past president of the Union County Superintendents' Roundtable, and past president of the Essex County Principals' Association. He has been a member of the Technology and Legislative committees of the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, member of the Morris-Union Jointure Board of Education, member of the Springfield Drug Free Community Municipal Alliance and member of the Springfield Public Library Board of Trustees.

Friedland lives with his wife Jane in Long Valley. His wife and his two daughters are all teachers in New Jersey public schools.