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State Board of Education Appoints New President, Vice President

The State Board of Education unanimously appointed Dr. Ronald Butcher as President and Arcelio Aponte as Vice President at its meeting yesterday. Both will serve one-year terms that expire in June 2008.

Butcher, who serves the Executive Director of Continuing Education at Rowan University, said he looks forward to working with Commissioner of Education Lucille E. Davy in implementing the new state accountability law (NJ QSAC), among other top priorities.

"I'm honored to be named president," Dr. Butcher said. "This is a very important time to be a member of the board and I look forward to working with the department on the many important issues impacting education across the state."

Butcher, who lives in Pitman, Gloucester County, has served on the State Board of Education since 1990. He was Vice President from 1999-2003.

He holds a doctorate degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from the University of Michigan, a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Eastern Michigan University, and a bachelor's degree in Business Education from Western Michigan University. He is married with three children.

Aponte, who lives in Piscataway, Middlesex County, was appointed to the State Board of Education in 2005. He holds a master's degree in Business Administration from Rutgers University and a bachelor's degree in Electronic Engineering Technology from The College of New Jersey.

Aponte is the Director of Operations and Management for Economic Development in Newark. He is married with two children.