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## **State Board of Education Elects President and Vice President for 2019-20 Academic Year**

**Trenton, NJ** – The State Board of Education today elected Kathy Goldenberg as its president and Andrew Mulvihill as vice president for the 2019-20 academic year.

A resident of Moorestown in Burlington County, Goldenberg has served on the State Board since 2017 and was elected Vice President in 2018.

“It is a privilege to become the next State Board of Education President. I am honored to work together with each member of the State Board, Commissioner Repollet and the Department of Education staff. President Aponte has been a true mentor during my time as vice president and I hope to carry forward his passion and dedication for ensuring New Jersey’s students are afforded the best education possible,” Goldenberg said. “Whether it is encouraging diverse learning opportunities for students or working with the Department and schools to improve student success, I’m confident the upcoming year will present many opportunities to advance student-focused policies that ensure New Jersey remains a leader in education.”

Goldenberg holds a degree in business administration with a bachelor’s in Finance & International Business from The University of Texas at Austin, McCombs School of Business. Her experience includes working for Dow Jones and NWH Investments. She served as a member of the Moorestown Board of Education from 2007 to 2017, chairing multiple committees and serving as vice president from 2011 to 2015 and president from 2015 to 2017. She participated on the Moorestown Education Foundation for eight years. Goldenberg was an active member on the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) and was selected as their voting member for the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association as well as the NJSIAA Finance Committee. She was a member of the NJSBA Legislative Committee and participated on the Garden State Coalition of Schools from 2006 to 2017. While serving the State Board, she functions as the New Jersey delegate on the National Association of State Boards of Education and contributes as a voting member on the NASBE Finance Committee and the NASBE Northeast Nominations Committee. Goldenberg was named 2018 Moorestown Citizen of the Year and presented with the 2019 Community Service Award from the Burlington County Daughters of the American Revolution. She is also a member of the Moorestown Rotary.

Goldenberg replaces Arcelio Aponte, a member of the State Board since 2005 and its president from 2010 to 2014 and from 2017 to 2019. Aponte declined to be considered again for the presidency due to increased career demands, but will continue to serve on the State Board.

Mulvihill, a resident of Andover in Sussex County, was appointed to the State Board in 2011, and served as vice president of the board from 2017-2018. “It is an honor to serve on the State Board of Education,

and I look forward to continuing my service as vice president for the coming year,” said Mulvihill. “I look forward to working with my colleagues on the board and Commissioner Repollet to establish the policies that help improve public schools for students throughout New Jersey.”

Mulvihill is Chief Executive Officer for Crystal Springs Real Estate Division and is owner of Mountain Resort Properties. He is founder and member of Highlands Savings Bank. He is also past president of the New Jersey Golf Course Owners Association, and a former member of the Newark Academy Board of Governors. He has bachelor’s degree in political science from Stanford University.

“I thank Arcelio Aponte for his service as president of the State Board, and I look forward to continued collaboration with the State Board as Kathy Goldenberg assumes the role of president and with Andrew Mulvihill as vice president,” said Education Commissioner Lamont O. Repollet. “Their commitment to quality public schools will help the State Board carry out its mission to improve the education for the nearly 1.4 million students in New Jersey.”

The State Board is responsible for adopting administrative code, which are the rules that implement education laws governing the state’s approximately 2,500 public schools. The 13-member board is appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the New Jersey Senate. Members serve six-year terms without compensation.