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Deb Delisle



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Deb Delisle is the Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education at the U.S. Department of Education. She serves as the principal adviser to the Secretary of Education on all matters related to pre-K, elementary and secondary education, and works to foster educational improvement at the state and local levels.

Prior to her role at the U.S. Department of Education, Delisle served as a Senior Fellow with the International Center for Leadership in Education with a deep interest in educator performance systems and creating transformative cultures in schools and districts to support educators and students. From 2008 to 2011, she was Ohio's 35th State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Delisle's career in education spans 37 years. She has worked as a teacher, gifted education specialist, curriculum director, elementary principal, associate superintendent and superintendent. She has advocated tirelessly for high quality learning experiences for all children and has spent a significant portion of her career working in urban settings. Closing achievement gaps and the digital divide have long been areas of significant interest to her.

Delisle has received many honors for her work in education. She was named by eSchool News as one of its Tech Savvy Superintendents of the Year and has won the Betsy Cowles Women in Leadership Award, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators Distinguished Service Award and the Ohio Education Association Vision Award. In 2011, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District honored Delisle by dedicating a school as the Deborah S. Delisle Education Options Center to recognize her lifetime of service to students.



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