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PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOL'S EDUCATOR DR. BURNIE BRISTOW APPOINTED TO NJDOE'S COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS COMMITTEE

Dr. Bristow to help develop standards for NJ's K-12 information literacy curriculum

Paterson, NJ - (August 26, 2024) – Paterson Public School's educator Dr. Burnie Bristow, a Harvard-trained educator and lifelong Paterson resident, has been appointed to the New Jersey Department of Education's College & Career Readiness Committee for Information Standards. This committee will develop new information literacy standards following Governor Phil Murphy's signing of [S-588](#), a significant step that now requires school districts to incorporate instruction on information literacy in an appropriate place in the k-12 curriculum as part of the district's implementation of the [New Jersey Student Learning Standards](#).

The law defines "information literacy" as the ability to recognize, locate, evaluate, and effectively use necessary information, encompassing digital, visual, media, textual, and technological literacy. Dr. Bristow will work alongside educators, administrators, and information specialists to shape these standards.

Dr. Bristow expressed his commitment to this initiative, stating, "I'm eager to help ensure that New Jersey students develop strong information literacy skills, which are essential for academic success and career readiness."

Dr. Bristow, a National Board-Certified School Library Media Specialist and Information Literacy expert, holds advanced degrees from Pepperdine University, Harvard University, Montclair State University, and Southern Illinois University. He has extensive experience as a STEM School Administrator, founding the district's Academy of Information Technology, and guiding students to prestigious achievements, including five Bill and Melinda Gates Scholarships.

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