



## **J. DUKE ALBANESE**

J. Duke Albanese is an education advisor to schools, state education agencies, and national organizations. His educational career spans 46 years and includes long tenures as a superintendent of schools and commissioner of education. For the past decade, he has been a sought-after advisor on policy and practice in the following areas: assisting schools, school districts, and departments of education with the design and implementation of academic reforms intended to improve educational opportunities and prepare all students to access and complete a collegiate education; assisting school districts in strategic planning; defining and implementing healthy youth and interscholastic athletic programs at the middle and high school levels; and advising on the policy and implementation of 1:1 computing technology for teachers and students in schools, districts, and states.

From 1996–2003, Albanese served as the Commissioner of Education for the State of Maine. He helped lead the development and adoption of Maine’s Learning Results, as well as the Maine Learning Technology Initiative, the nation’s landmark effort aimed at providing all middle and high school students with laptops and 1:1 access to technology. He is currently Senior Policy Advisor for the Great Schools Partnership in Portland, Maine. As a nationally recognized leader in high school redesign and the school change process, the Great Schools Partnership works to raise educational aspirations and achievement by creating equitable, rigorous, and personalized academic programs that prepare all students for college, work, and citizenship in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Albanese is a founding director of the *Sports Done Right* initiative, which has been one of America’s leading efforts to strengthen youth and interscholastic sports programs. Initially funded by the United States Congress and based at the University of Maine, *Sports Done Right* has been featured in national news media and in numerous professional publications.

Originally hailing from East Providence, Rhode Island, Albanese attended public schools before earning his bachelor’s degree from Bowdoin College and completing graduate studies at the University of Maine. Albanese has served on numerous boards and commissions and was, for six years, Chair of the Maine Children’s Cabinet, comprised of the commissioners of Health and Human Services, Labor, Corrections, Public Safety, and Education.

Duke and his wife, Nancy, reside in the college town of Brunswick on the coast of Maine. They have two grown children, Derek and Kelsey, of Scarborough and Brunswick respectively, and two grandchildren, A.J. and Ava.