



Joseph P. Dragone, Ph.D.

Dr. Joseph P. Dragone received Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Education degrees from The College of St. Rose, and a Master of Science, Certificate of Advanced Study and Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Administration and Policy Studies from the University at Albany, State University of New York. Dr. Dragone has extensive experience in both urban and suburban school district leadership related to school and district improvement planning, implementing instructional technology, data analysis, building organizational and instructional capacity, commitment to 21st Century Skills, workforce development and extensive capital improvement projects.

Since November 2017, Dr. Dragone has served as Senior Executive Officer of the Capital Region Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). In this role he leads four divisions that provide programs and services including special education, career and technical education, adult education, educational support services and management services to over 80,000 students and twenty-four school districts from throughout Capital Region of New York State and beyond. He has led programs in collaboration with partners in business, industry and higher education to help fuel the workforce pipeline in manufacturing, information technology, cybersecurity, construction trades and culinary careers including the launch of two regional Early College High Schools, new programs in telecommunications, entertainment technologies, engineering technologies, health careers and veterinary technician and new adult workforce training programs. In collaboration with service provider partners he has also implemented a regional public-private model to scale co-located mental health clinics in schools to provide direct support to students and families.

A 2008 recipient of the "40 Under Forty" Award, 2014 feature in "10 Minutes With..." and 2017 Education and Workforce Executive Roundtable Participant with the *Business Review*, Dr. Dragone serves on the Executive Advisory Boards of New York Tech Valley FIRST Robotics, Department of Education at Clarkson University, The College in the High School Alliance and is Co-Chair of the Capital region STEM Hub. . A former Trustee of The College Board and Workcreek Member on Workforce Development and Education for the Obama Administration's Advanced Manufacturing Partnership (AMP) 2.0 Initiative, in June 2018 he represented New York State at the White House Office of Science and Technology State-Federal STEM Summit under the Trump Administration. As a Gubernatorial appointee to the Capital Region Economic Development Council, Dr. Dragone serves on the Executive Committee and co-chairs the Workforce & Education Workgroup. He received the 2014 American Graduate Champion Award from WMHT and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the 2017 National Community Action Award from the Saratoga Economic Opportunity Council and is a founding member of the Empire State STEM Learning Network. Dr. Dragone presented the keynote address for the 2014 Greater Southern Tier Regional STEM Academy, the 2015 National Association for Workforce Improvement (NAWI), the 2015 CASDA Summer Data Institute and for the 2018 Chief Executives Network for Manufacturing (CEN).