
FRANK R. BUGLIONE

NJAGC 2010 Administrator of the Year



Frank R. Buglione, Superintendent of Rahway Public Schools, has served in many capacities during his 38 years in the district—as a teacher, director of curriculum and instruction, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent.

When nominating Mr. Buglione for this award, his staff cited his support for the district's gifted/talented program. He ensures staff has ample materials and supplies, visits the classes often participating in the lesson being presented, and attends convocations and parent evenings. He has supported professional development and is always interested in innovative ideas that will improve student learning. He was instrumental in determining multiple criteria for the program and provides for a pullout program in grades three, four, and five and identification of accelerated students in grades K–2. He has been a long-time supporter of the Union County Gifted and Talented Association by providing use of Rahway Schools for the annual gifted and talented convocations.

Frank Buglione has been Superintendent of the Rahway Public Schools since 2006. He began his career as a sixth grade teacher at Franklin School in 1972 and has also taught reading and language arts on the junior high school level.

He received his BA and MA degrees in education from New Jersey City University and principal and superintendent certifications through programs at Montclair State and Seton Hall Universities.

In 1994 while he was principal, Franklin School was one of thirteen schools in New Jersey to be nominated as a Blue Ribbon School for exemplary teaching and student achievement. In 1996 he was inducted as a Life Member of the New Jersey Congress of Parents and Teachers by the Franklin School PTA.

In 2006 working with the Rahway Local Organizing Committee, he formed a coalition of Union County School districts to offer a series of workshops at Kean University dealing with the teaching of African American History and Culture across all curriculum areas called the *Amistad Initiative*. To date over seventy teachers, administrators and community members from five different school districts have been trained. In the spring of 2009, he was honored as a nominee for the Superintendent of the Year by the Union County Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce for his contribution to the implementation of the Amistad legislation.

Over the years he has worked closely with many community groups and organizations such as the Rahway YMCA, Rahway Community Action Organization, Rahway Center Partnership, Union County Arts Center, Rahway Historical Society, Rahway Recreation department, and the Arts Guild of Rahway to bring programs and services to the students of the Rahway Schools.

Mr. Buglione is also a member of the New Jersey Association of School Administrators and serves on the Urban Superintendents and the Professional Development committees. He was the author of a recent article, *The Amistad Initiative, The Rahway Public School District Coordinates Initiative to Help Teachers Become More Culturally Aware* published in the on-line magazine *CityScapes*, that is produced by the Urban Schools Superintendents.

Under his leadership, in September, 2009 the Rahway community came together and approved a \$34M capital projects referendum to improve educational facilities across the district and increase opportunities for children in the area of the performing arts and science education.