



Michael T. Conner, Ed.D., is the Superintendent for Middletown Public Schools in Middletown, CT. Previously, Dr. Conner served as Chief Academic Officer (Norwalk, CT), Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning (Willimantic, CT) and Principal of Augusta Lewis Troup School (New Haven, CT).

Dr. Conner obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education/ Humanities from Lasell University. He also received his Master of Science Degree from the University of Bridgeport, Sixth-Year Diploma from Southern Connecticut State University, and Doctorate in Education from Cambridge College. Dr. Conner completed the Executive Leadership Program at the University of Connecticut, the Harvard Superintendents Institute, and the prestigious AASA National Urban Superintendents Academy in Washington, D.C. Dr. Conner obtained his Graduate Diploma in Business Analytics from Harvard University and is currently completing an advanced certificate (ACE) in Management, Innovation, and Technology at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

For his overall efforts, Dr. Conner was recognized by the Network Journal as a “*Top 40 Under 40*” recipient. He was also recognized by the Connecticut NAACP (*100 Most Influential Blacks in Connecticut*), Middlesex NAACP (*Education Award*), Eleven28 Entertainment (*100 Men of Color Award*), Cross Street African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (*Rev. George E. Battle Senior Education Award*), Middlesex United Way (*Community Leadership Award*), and DECA Inc. (*National Administrator of the Year*). Under his leadership, Middletown Public Schools was recognized as a 2018 - 2019 AASA/SPN National Innovation and Transformational District, which only seventeen districts nationally received this distinction. Also, Middletown Public Schools received the honor as a 2019 - 2020 and 2020 - 2021 National Innovative District by the International Center for Leadership in Education. Dr. Conner was featured in AASA’s *School Administrator Magazine* for his article entitled *What Mentoring Means to a New Superintendent of Color*.

This past August, Middletown Public Schools was featured in *Time Magazine* and *AASA's School Administrators Magazine* with Dr. Ray McNulty highlighting their innovative blended learning model that underpins the latest research around personalized learning using artificial intelligence. Most recently, Dr. Conner was selected by the National School Superintendents Association (AASA) and Successful Practices Network (SPN) to serve on the *Learning 2025: National Commission on Student-Centered Equity-Focused Education* as a commissioner. His recommendations are a part of the landmark report entitled ***An American Imperative: A New Vision of Public Schools***.

Dr. Conner was born in New Haven, CT and lived there for fifteen years with his mother, grandmother, and aunts before moving to Branford, CT. Currently, he resides in Middletown, CT with his wife Viviana Conner and their son, Michael Terrell Conner Jr.