

## MaryEllen Elia

MaryEllen Elia received her B.A. degree from Daeman College, her M.Ed. degree from the University of Buffalo, added a Masters of Professional Studies in Reading from State University of New York at Buffalo in 1983 and received certification in Educational Leadership in 1989.

Mrs. Elia worked as a social studies teacher in New York state from 1970 through June 1986. In August 1986, she was employed by the School District of Hillsborough County in Tampa, Florida as a reading resource specialist at Plant High School. MaryEllen served as the county's secondary reading supervisor from 1989 through 1991. Mrs. Elia became the county's first magnet school supervisor in 1991. From January 1997 through September 2002 she served as Director of Non-Traditional Programs: magnet schools, the ESOL program, alternative schools and dropout prevention programs.

From September 2002 to June 2003, MaryEllen was the General Director of Secondary Education. In June 2003, she was appointed Chief Facilities Officer, responsible for all new construction for over 200 schools/educational facilities, as well as district maintenance and custodial operations. On May 19, 2005, MaryEllen was appointed Superintendent of Schools. Her tenure began July 1, 2005.

MaryEllen is married to Albert Elia and has two children, a son, Albert, and a daughter, Tara.



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