

Dr. Eugene T.W. Sanders Biography

CEO, Dr. Eugene T.W. Sanders, author, educator and administrator, is a nationally recognized leader in urban school leadership. He earned his reputation as a successful school CEO by guiding two of Ohio's largest urban school districts toward unprecedented academic achievement. Dr. Sanders was named *Ohio Superintendent of the Year* by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation and earned the NAACP's *Daisy Bates Award* for his leadership in raising graduation rates and moving his District to meet federal guidelines for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and closing the achievement gap.

As CEO of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District since 2006, Dr. Sanders made history by moving the Cleveland Metropolitan School District from academic watch to continuous improvement in his first year. His innovative plan included zero-tolerance discipline, school dress codes and schools of choice within the District.

During his tenure as CEO of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Dr. Sanders has distinguished himself as an education innovator. He has spearheaded the opening of several innovative schools in Cleveland, including five single gender academies and two STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) high schools. Cleveland's MC²STEM high school is the only public school in America that is housed on the campus of a Fortune 500 company. Dr. Sanders' 2010 CMSD Academic Transformation Plan, titled "Whatever It Takes," has drawn national attention for its bold and aggressive approach to systemic change and to employing a four-tiered approach to ensuring the academic success of every child in our schools. For Dr. Eugene Sanders, his primary goal for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District remains constant—to become a premiere school district in the United States of America.

Dr. Sanders received his Ph.D. in Education Administration and Supervision with an emphasis on organizational leadership from Bowling Green State University. He was inducted in 2009 to the Erie County Chamber of Commerce's "Gallery of Achievers," a hall-of-fame program that recognizes significant life accomplishments of people who received most or all of their education in Erie County, where Dr. Sanders graduated from the Sandusky City Schools.

Dr. Sanders has significantly expanded CMSD's growing "Army of Believers," comprised of educators, civic leaders, corporate heads, business owners and citizens throughout the greater Cleveland area who have embraced the CEO's "renaissance" in public education. The Cleveland Cavaliers honored CEO, Dr. Eugene T.W. Sanders at their annual Black Heritage Celebration with the organization's "Black Achievers of Ohio" Award, and he is a member of several boards including the Cleveland Museum of Art, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, United Way and the Great Lakes Science Center.