

Irene K. Spence is an advocate for quality instruction for all students and communities. Within her current role as NYCDOE District 19 Superintendent's Field Support Liaison she is committed to ensuring there is equity and access to high-quality curriculum and instruction across the 35 schools in her district, building the capacity of school leaders and teachers to improve teaching and learning that will ultimately increase student achievement.

Ms. Spence holds her School District Leadership certificate from CUNY, as well as her School Building Leadership through the NYCDOE Leaders in Education Apprenticeship Program (LEAP). In addition, she holds a Master of Science in Special Education and Bachelor of Arts in Science, Letters & Society, and Elementary Education at CUNY, College of Staten Island.

At her core she believes that community is key to education and systemic change, a relationship and commitment that provides for educational, social and cultural services for all people in the community. In her former role, as a founding principal, she established partnerships across the community and city in the adoption of the community school model as an effective way to respond to challenges to improve education, empower the community, and address inequities through opportunity and access.

Irene K. Spence is guided by the words, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." Through her leadership she intends to continue to advocate for quality education and combat challenges in the system, to ensure equitable opportunities for all communities.

