

Jon Fernandez

As Superintendent for the Guam Department of Education, Mr. Fernandez leads the island's public school system, which is comprised of 41 schools, approximately 28,000 schoolchildren, and 3,800 employees. Now in his tenth year, he is the longest-serving superintendent in the history of the Guam Department of Education and is currently the nation's longest-tenured Chief State School Officer.

Prior to being named Superintendent, Mr. Fernandez resided in the Washington DC area for eleven years and served as Managing Director for the Federal City Council, where he was responsible for developing and managing the organization's major projects, including transportation, economic development and public education reform partnerships. Mr. Fernandez also spent time in the public sector, serving as policy director in the Administration of D.C. Mayor Anthony A. Williams, where he worked with the local legislature, government agencies and stakeholders to advance key legislative and policy initiatives in the economic development, healthcare, and public safety arenas. Prior to working with the District of Columbia government, Mr. Fernandez served as Senior Analyst in the Strategic Consulting division of CB Richard Ellis/Torto Wheaton Research, a commercial real estate research and consulting firm, located in Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Fernandez has a long record of community, educational and civic involvement. He currently serves as Commissioner for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and has completed two terms as Chairman of the Pacific Regional Education Lab, while also serving on numerous interagency councils and partnerships on Guam. In the DC region, he served as board chair for DC Action for Children and the United Way's DC Regional Council. He was also appointed to the Executive Committee of the D.C. Workforce Investment Council. He has served on the boards of the Latin American Youth Center, YouthBuild Public Charter School, Pre-K for All DC, and the Finalist Selection Committees/Truman Scholarship Interview Panels for the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation. He is also a member of Leadership Greater Washington.

Mr. Fernandez has a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, a master's degree from Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Arkansas. As an undergraduate, he was elected Phi Beta Kappa and awarded the prestigious Harry S Truman Scholarship in recognition of his dedication to a career in public service.

Currently a resident of Tamuning, Mr. Fernandez is married to Melissa Lamorena-Fernandez and a father to Gabriella, a senior at John F. Kennedy High School, and Zachary, an 8th-grader at Jose Rios Middle School.