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Corzine announces search committee for Paterson super

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PATERSON - Gov. Jon S. Corzine announced the formation of a 17-member search committee on Thursday for superintendent of the Paterson School District and named Dr. Dennis Clancy as interim superintendent for outgoing Superintendent Michael Glascoe.

“There is no doubt that Paterson is a great, historic city with hard-working residents and children who show so much potential,” said Corzine during a Thursday news conference Wednesday at Public School #24. “The superintendent search committee introduced today is a critical step in helping to fulfill that promise.

The search committee will be chaired by Dr. Leslie Agard-Jones, a former dean of the College of Education at William Paterson University in Wayne and consultant for the Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation. In addition to Agard-Jones, the search committee is comprised of:

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Willa Spicer, deputy commissioner, state Department of Education

Herman Badillo, former congressman and New York City deputy mayor

Ken Morris, president, Paterson City Council

Dr. Jonathan Hodges, President, Paterson Board of Education

Errol Kerr, vice president, Paterson Board of Education

Willa Mae Taylor, member, Paterson Board of Education

Wendy Guzman member, Paterson Board of Education

Linda Crescione, principal, Charles J. Riley School #9

Rev. James Kuykendall, president, Paterson Pastor’s Workshop

Rev. Jose Luis Castro, pastor, Central Baptist Church

Evangeline Gomez, immediate past chair, Paterson Education Fund

Linda Smith, president, NAACP- Paterson Chapter

Robert Guarasci, president, NJ Community Development Corp.

Zynide Banks, nurse, PANTHER Academy (Paterson Education Association representative)

Norberto Curitomai, president, Express Service Bus Shuttle Co.

Maritza Davila, assistant director of admissions, Passaic County Community College (parent representative)

Nina Odatalla, teacher and acting administrator, International High School

Clancy previously served as interim superintendent of the Paterson School District prior to the Glascoe appointment. He has 35 years of public school experience, which includes 29 years in New Jersey as an elementary school principal, as a director of secondary education, as an assistant superintendent for curriculum and as a superintendent. In recent years, Clancy also has served for various school districts in an interim capacity.

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