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Joshua Starr, Ed.D., has been Superintendent of Stamford's Public Schools since July 2005. Prior to coming to Stamford, Dr. Starr was the Director of School Performance and Accountability for the New York City Department of Education, where he helped design a comprehensive approach to measuring school performance throughout the New York City public schools. He also served as Deputy Senior Instructional Manager in the New York City Department of Education, Office of Programs, where he developed new reforms related to curriculum and instruction for Early Childhood Education, English Language Learners, Special Education, Gifted and Talented, and Instructional Technology.

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