

Forum on the Education Initiatives, Programs and Legacy of the Kean Administration

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Eagleton Institute of Politics

8:30 am – 3:00 pm

AGENDA

Introduction: From his earliest days in the Legislature through his two terms as Governor and beyond, improving the quality of education has been one of Tom Kean's highest priorities. As a former teacher and Chairman of the Assembly Education Committee, he brought to the Office of the Governor unique experience and insights about education issues. His hard-fought accomplishments in strengthening education became models for other states and were recognized nationally. Tom Kean was called upon to provide direction and leadership on education at the national level, as well as in New Jersey. As Governor, he served on the President's Education Policy Advisory Committee, and as Chair of the Education Commission of the States and the National Governor's Association Task Force on Teaching.

Today, we will review and recall the education initiatives and programs of the Kean administration and hear from many of the people who helped and supported Governor Kean during those exciting and challenging years.

Schedule

8:30 am - 9:00 am Registration/ Coffee

9:00 am - 12:00 pm **Session I: K - 12 Education**

Discussion Leader: Dr. Saul Cooperman,
Commissioner of Education
(1982-90)

Issues to be discussed:

1. Organization
2. Teachers: recruiting, developing, compensating, recognizing and evaluating teachers.
3. Districts: accountability, high school proficiency test, core course proficiencies, Governor's Schools, financing, school takeovers, and significant court decisions
4. Urban education: urban initiatives, summer teacher institutes, bilingual education, and adult literacy.

12:00 pm - 12:45 pm Lunch

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Session II: Higher Education**

Discussion Leader: Marla Ucelli-Kashyap,
Education Policy Advisor
(1986-88)

Issues to be discussed:

1. State College Autonomy
2. The Jobs, Education and Competitiveness Bond Issue of 1988
3. The Challenge Grants Program
4. Establishment of the New Jersey Commission on Science and Technology in 1985