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Superintendent Berlin named law group president

Falls Church City Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Lois Berlin was inducted, Friday, as President of the Education Law Association (ELA). The induction took place during the international organization's annual conference in Memphis, Tennessee.

"These days, educational administrators rely heavily on sound advice from legal professionals like those involved in the ELA to respond appropriately to legal inquiries," said Dr. Berlin during her acceptance speech. "While it's important that we learn from case law, none of us wants to become the subject of case law."

The ELA brings together educational and legal scholars and practitioners to inform and advance educational policy and practice through knowledge of the law. The group's mission is to anticipate trends in educational law and to support scholarly research through the highest value print and electronic publications, conferences, seminars, and professional forums.

"I see it as my personal mission to increase the number of administrators involved in this group so they can share in the wisdom of others and gain greater knowledge of what is reasonable and prudent in their responses," said Dr. Berlin. "We're all in this together, and it will take a team effort to address future challenges associated with education law."

Dr. Berlin has been a member of the ELA for the past 11 years. Membership is open to all individuals and organizations with a special interest in education law. The group currently has nearly 700 members including practicing attorneys, administrators, faculty members in schools of education and law schools, school board members, public and private school administrators and teachers, staff members of state and federal education agencies and professional associations, libraries, and students.

Photo cut line: Dr. Lois Berlin, Superintendent
Falls Church City Public Schools

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