

# Education & Workforce Conference: Virtual

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**Dr. David Stegall**  
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Dr. David Stegall is the Deputy Superintendent of Innovation for the NC Department of Public Instruction, joining in June of 2019. In this role, he has an opportunity and responsibility to serve over 1.6 million students, 115 school districts and over 200 Charter Schools in North Carolina.

During the COVID 19 pandemic, NC Governor Roy Cooper named Dr. Stegall co-chair of the statewide COVID19 Education and Nutrition Response Work Group. In June of 2020, Dr. Stegall co-led the development of the statewide school re-opening guidebook and support documents for K-12 public schools.

Prior to being appointed as the Deputy Superintendent of Innovation at DPI, he was the Vice President for Global Education Management Systems in the Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia regions of the world. GEMS Education is the world's largest operator of K-12 schools, serving 180,000+ students studying a diverse range of curricula internationally. GEMS was Identified as one of "10 Companies that Could Change the World," by Telegraph publications.

Prior to his tenure working abroad, Dr. Stegall served as the Superintendent for Newton-Conover Schools where 100 percent of schools met or exceeded growth in his final two years at the helm. Stegall helped develop a national award-winning STEM school, a national award-winning Leader in Me school, a state-recognized personalized learning school and a successful dual-language school, among other accomplishments. Additionally, N-CCS was one of the only three districts in the state with graduation rates of greater than 95% and ranked in the state's top five for graduation rate five consecutive years during under his leadership..

Dr. Stegall co-founded the #NCed state wide educator twitter forum that worked to bring educators across the state together in bi-weekly online exchanging of ideas and resources. He was named the NW North Carolina Superintendent of the Year in 2017 and a national Superintendent to Watch in 2016. In March of 2020, he was named the Making IT Happen Award winner for North Carolina. He was previously named the Outstanding Young Educator for North Carolina in 2012.

After earning a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Stegall taught in Rowan-Salisbury Schools and Iredell-Statesville Schools before entering administrative leadership positions in Iredell-Statesville and Newton-Conover Schools. He holds a master's degree in education administration from Gardner-Webb University as well as an Ed.S degree and a doctorate in education leadership from Appalachian State University.