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Marc Natanagara attended Swarthmore College, first as an English-Art major, then pursuing a degree in science. While tutoring students in the nearby city of Chester, he fell in love with teaching, and, after graduating, became certified through NJ's new alternate route program.

In the late 80's to the end of the millennium, he taught biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science at Monmouth Regional High School in Tinton Falls, NJ, and helped found programs on genetic research, student health and wellness, environmental sustainability, and equity. While teaching, he worked summers at Monmouth University and taught karate at night.

A decade after earning his BA, Natanagara earned a masters in Educational Leadership from Rutgers University. He left the classroom to become a middle school assistant principal, science supervisor, and an elementary principal. His first week of school as a new principal was 9-11.

Ten years later, Natanagara completed a doctorate in Educational Administration, Management, and Policy from Seton Hall University and served as an assistant superintendent for

nine years. The last six years of his career as a public school educator were in Toms River, then the largest suburban district in New Jersey. While there, he led the development of a dozen new programs, including full day kindergarten, career academies, summer STEAM camps, CTE pathways, dual enrollment, and the Jersey Shore Makerfest.

In addition to consulting with school districts, organizations, and higher education, Natanagara now teaches two college courses for prospective and first year alternate route teachers.

His years in the classroom, as a school and district leader, in higher education, and in live and virtual learning spaces have provided Natanagara with a diverse, holistic, and critical perspective on education. His career choices have always been about having a greater impact on children's futures, which ultimately inspired his decision to retire from public schools in 2020 to focus on the work that he believes is most important.

As the Eagle Scout advisor for Troop 71 Oakhurst, Natanagara oversaw a project at InfoAge in 2011. He returned in the fall of 2021, when he became a lifetime member and volunteer on education initiatives. In April of 2022, he joined the Board of Trustees and took over as Chair of the Education Committee.

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