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**COUNTIES WILLING TO SERVE:** Central and Northern Counties

**TYPE OF DISTRICT:** Any Type

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Dr. Anthony P. Cavanna has served as a superintendent of schools, assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal and teacher in several districts in New Jersey and New York, where he lead efforts to raise student achievement and foster excellence.

While at the helm of schools in West Orange, Dr. Cavanna, through federal grants of over \$4,000,000, implemented strategies and programs that led the district to prepare its students for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. His initiatives included the implementation of a new mathematics curriculum; a new literacy program; more opportunities for on-line learning; academic standards for participation in athletics; fostering community engagement in the public schools; establishing a Health & Wellness committee, and a Sustainability committee. West Orange High School has been named for two years in a row as one of America's best high schools by Newsweek Magazine, and been recognized by the College Board as an Advanced Placement Achievement District.

Dr. Cavanna began his career as a mathematics teacher, ultimately becoming the founding principal of the Mott Hall School of Mathematics, Science and Technology on the campus of City College in New York City. This magnet school has been cited as a model of excellence and has continued to be replicated in states throughout the nation.

Dr. Cavanna holds a Doctorate of Education and a Professional Diploma in Educational Leadership, Urban Education and Policy from Fordham University, as well as a Masters of Science Degree in Educational Technology and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics and Education from the City University of New York.

Resume on file with NJASA.