



## John J. Ramos, Sr., Ed.D.

2010 John Winthrop Wright *Ethics in Action* Recipient

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*The Ethics in Action Award honors a Connecticut leader who has authentically demonstrated ethical business or leadership practices.*

**Dr. John J. Ramos** has served as Superintendent of the Bridgeport Public Schools since June of 2005. Under his leadership, the school district and supporting community have developed an aggressive five-year Strategic Plan that endorses the focused mission to graduate all students “college ready” and prepared to succeed in life. “EXPECT GREAT THINGS” has become the district’s mantra and the Bridgeport Public Schools are on the path to greater success having recently been recognized as a BROAD PRIZE FINALIST in both 2006 and 2007.

Prior to serving as Superintendent of Schools in Bridgeport, Dr. Ramos was Deputy Commissioner for Educational Programs and Services for the Connecticut State Department of Education in Hartford. As Deputy Commissioner, Ramos helped create a new process for the development of the 2006-2010 Comprehensive Plan. Additional responsibilities included assisting school districts in raising student achievement and closing achievement gaps, facilitating high school reform and working to develop character programs. From 2002-2004, Ramos served Watertown Public Schools as superintendent. Under his leadership, Ramos established the Watertown Public School Education Foundation and the district was awarded a highly competitive four-year instructional improvement grant to implement the district’s new strategic plan. He also served as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and for Norwalk Public Schools, principal of Norwalk High School, principal/director for the Providence School District’s Alternate Learning Project High School and program director for the Rhode Island Department of Education. Ramos received his doctorate in Educational Administration from Columbia University, his M.P.A. from the University of Rhode Island and a bachelor’s degree in English and American Literature from Brown University.

As part of the EXPECT GREAT THINGS motto, Dr. Ramos has also popularized the expectation that students would, say the right thing, do the right thing, and make the right thing happen. It is with this focus in mind that Dr. Ramos is The School for Ethical Education’s 2010 John Winthrop Wright *Ethics in Action* Award recipient.