

# Derek J. Jess

## School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mr. Derek J. Jess began his role as School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for Summit Public Schools in January of 2022.

Mr. Jess comes to Summit with more than 20 years of experience as a School Business Administrator/Board Secretary in New Jersey. In his most recent role as School Business Administrator/Board Secretary in Perth Amboy, he was responsible for a \$282 million budget and overseeing Transportation and Security, as well as Buildings and Grounds and Food Service. He managed numerous renovation and health and safety projects and worked with the New Jersey Schools Development Authority to construct two early childhood schools and two elementary schools, with a new high school currently underway. Prior to his role in Perth Amboy, Mr. Jess spent three years as the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary in Spotswood, two years as an auditor with KPMG, and over six years as a municipal accountant.

Mr. Jess has a decorated reputation in the state for his tireless and dedicated work as a School Business Administrator. Notable achievements include being named New Jersey School Business Administrator of the Year in 2016 and winning the ASBO International Pinnacle of Excellence Award in 2011. Mr. Jess has been a proud member of the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials for over 20 years, where he served as President from 2012-2013. He is also a long-standing member of ASBO International and the New Jersey State Board of Examiners, for which he has been the Chairman since 2017. Mr. Jess is currently serving his second term on the Somerville Board of Education.

Mr. Jess received his MBA and B.S. in Finance from Mount Saint Mary's University. He became a Registered School Business Administrator with ASBO International in August 2004.

