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As the superintendent for Los Angeles Unified School District—the nation's second-largest school district—John championed a “youth first” agenda credited with reversing the district's school-to-prison pipeline, raising achievement and helping more students graduate ready for college and the workplace. After [retiring] as superintendent, John committed to... changing the state of corrections in this Country. The insanity of mass incarceration, and the legacy of non-redemptive correctional actions in a country where we have the highest number of prisoners per capita in the world demands leadership. John now is the CEO of RESET: New, Day, New Year which is an alternative correctional program for young men. This organization cuts recidivism by more than 50% as compared to the state data and helps young men re-enter community as active members who are drug/substance free, resilient, graduates from high school and enrolled in post-secondary education, and employed.

John is the founding partner of Cambiar and Editor-In-Chief of The Line—a new publication for those on the frontline of education, social justice, and innovation. He previously consulted for The Broad Center for the Management of School Systems as superintendent-in-residence. He provided executive coaching to Center alumni leading urban public school systems and facilitating professional development sessions for The Broad Academy.

John was the Deputy Director of Education at the Gates Foundation from 2009-2010. Prior to that, he served as superintendent in Prince George's County Public Schools in Maryland, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District in California and Coventry Public Schools in Rhode Island. John was the Rhode Island superintendent of the year in 2001 and a high school principal and teacher.

John earned his Master's in Education Administration from Providence College and PhD in Education Administration and Policy from the University of Louisville. He was a Broad Fellow, Aspen Institute Moderator and Aspen Entrepreneur in Education Fellow.