

**Lillian M. Lowery, Ph.D.**  
Professional Biography

Lillian M. Lowery, Ph.D. serves as Ed Trust's, vice president for PreK-12 Policy, Research, and Practice, leading Ed Trust ambitious agenda to focus national attention on inequities in public education as well as the actions necessary to close gaps in opportunity and raise achievement.

Most recently, she served as president and CEO of FutureReady Columbus, where she led a commission of representatives from across the Columbus, Ohio, region to focus on college and workforce readiness. Prior to her time in Ohio, she served as the education lead for two states, both as the state superintendent of schools for the Maryland State Board of Education and as the secretary of education for the State of Delaware.

Additionally, she served as superintendent of the Christina School District in New Castle County, Delaware; assistant superintendent in Fairfax County Public Schools in Fairfax County, Virginia; and area administrator for Fort Wayne Community Schools in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She also has school-level experience, having been a high school principal and assistant principal, a minority student achievement mentor, and a secondary English teacher.

Lowery served on several organizational boards, including Delaware State University, EdReports.org, and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Lowery holds a doctorate in education and educational leadership and policy studies from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, a master's degree in education curriculum and instruction from the University of North Carolina, and a bachelor's degree in English and secondary education from North Carolina Central University.