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On behalf of the [NNSTOY Board of Directors](#), I am very pleased to announce that **Dr. LouAnn Ross** has been selected as **NNSTOY's new President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**!

Dr. Ross is a leader in change management and organizational excellence with extensive experience across many nonprofit fields including human services, community development, and healthcare advocacy. As a nationally recognized nonprofit leader, **Dr. Ross** has received recognition from various organizations including an "Excellence in Leadership" award from NeighborWorks America.

While she has extensive experience in a variety of fields, **Dr. Ross** has always been passionate about **educational excellence** and was a first-grade teacher in rural North Carolina.

*"I am honored to serve as the next **President & CEO** of **NNSTOY**," said **Ross**. "I am looking forward to meeting and working with this country's teachers of the year and finalists. I've heard it said that service is the rent we pay to live on this Earth and this has been the guiding principle throughout my life. I want to carry this forward on behalf of all educators, who should be an inspiration to all of us in their dedication to their students as well as their profession."*



Dr. Ross's experience, expertise, and passion make her the perfect fit for **NNSTOY** as we enter into our next phase of **growth** and **impact**. Her dedication to education and lifelong learning are exemplified by her professional and educational journey, including multiple degrees. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh and two master's degrees; one focusing on public policy and management from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, and the other focusing on Education from East Carolina University. She also holds a doctorate degree in Education from Point Park University.

Dr. Ross is a happily married mother of two and proud grandmother to one granddaughter. She enjoys traveling the world, is an avid reader, and loves hosting Sunday dinners at her home in Pittsburgh.

Wishing you, your families, and your students all the best this school year!

All my best,

Dr. Natasha Murray



NNSTOY Board Chair

New York State Teacher of the Year Finalist 2017

Former **Fulbright Specialist**

University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education's *Sustained Leadership in Education Award Recipient*