

EDNA FRIMAN

Edna Friman has served the Trenton School District as an administrator at all grade levels (Pre-K to Adult). During that time, she developed and expanded guidance-related programs for students. While working as a district curriculum consultant she implemented standards-based curriculum in math, science, and computer technology by using interdisciplinary curriculum/subject development to help teachers advance their students' success. As a principal, she fostered a welcoming environment where parents were engaged, and a team atmosphere was cultivated to meet the students' needs.

After retiring from the School District, Edna devoted her time to bringing fine and performing arts to the city's youth. She served as the Executive Director of Trenton-based City Arts, administrator of Trenton Community Music School, and she implemented Bridge to the Arts Summer Camp, also in Trenton. Edna also served as President of the Trenton American Field Services and hosted many foreign exchange students over the years.

Responding to Storytelling Arts' work to build literacy for thousands of NJ students, Edna joined the Board and served as Board President from 2014 until her retirement in 2021. She welcomed Storytelling Arts programming into the elementary school when she was the administrator and shared the experience of using storytelling in multiple subject areas with teachers throughout the Trenton School District. Recently, Edna returned to the Trenton Public School District as a part-time substitute administrator. As she has said, she will "always be an educator."