

Dr. Martin Keller, Jr. was the first Deaf superintendent of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind when he was hired in fall 2015.

Martin was born in Chicago, Illinois but grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He first attended St. John School for the Deaf in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the school closed when he was 12. He then enrolled in public schools in Cudahy, Wisconsin where he graduated with honors in 1988.

Martin was born into an all-Deaf family of 10 including his parents. Martin attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in History then attended McDaniel College for his 1<sup>st</sup> Master degree in Deaf Education. He later studied Educational Administration at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio where he received his 2<sup>nd</sup> Master's degree. He also studied Change Leadership at Gallaudet University in which he received his Educational Specialist degree. He then earned his doctorate in Deaf Education & Deaf Studies from Lamar University in May 2015.

Martin has had a distinguished career in Deaf Education in which he has been a teacher, assistant principal, principal, Director of Instruction, and Superintendent for more than 20 years at 10 schools/programs for the deaf across the nation.

Martin is currently teaching bilingual language arts classes in the middle school department at the California School for the Deaf-Fremont and is also teaching Deaf Education courses on a part-time basis at Ohlone College in Fremont, California.

While at WVSDB as the Superintendent, Martin spearheaded the implementation of the STEM program for K-12 students at both Deaf and a Blind school, started the Lego Robotics program, and was awarded the prestigious national Innovative Readiness Training grant in which WVSDB has saved over \$300k in campus renovation costs.

Unfortunately, Dr. Keller was unceremoniously terminated from his position on November 17, 2017 as an at-will employee.