



Lizzie Gelber

Lizzie Gelber currently works for Newark Public Schools as Deputy Chief of Staff. In this role, she partners with the COO to support the management of operational needs for the district, such as talent, human resources, and facilities. She leads policy implementation and inter-office projects that are aligned with the Superintendent’s critical educational initiatives and organizational goals. Her path to public service began at Georgetown University, where she graduated with a B.A. in Government. Influenced by the Jesuit tradition of education and service to others, she then taught for several years, first as an AmeriCorps teacher at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago, IL—and then at Democracy Preparatory Charter School and Achievement First in New York City.

After her years in the classroom, she then joined the fundraising team at Cristo Rey New York High School and began her time at NYU Wagner to earn her Master of Public Administration (MPA). While studying at NYU Wagner, she transitioned to the public policy sector, working for the NYC Department of Education for five years. During her time there, she supported the 40+ NYC superintendents and engaged external educational partners, including universities, cultural institutions, city agencies, and nonprofit organizations.

When not working, Lizzie enjoys cooking for friends, playing with her family’s pets, exploring New York City (especially new restaurants and shows), and being an aunt to some pretty amazing kids.