



## *Dr. Kelli Peterson*

Dr. Kelli R. Peterson serves the Louisiana Department of Education as Assistant Superintendent of Equity, Inclusion and Opportunities. Dr. Peterson has dedicated her professional career to alleviate inadequate educational opportunities for historically marginalized populations and those disenfranchised by systemic barriers.

Dr. Peterson served as Chief Portfolio Innovation and Accountability Officer for NOLA Public Schools, overseeing the accountability of 78 charter schools, building the capacity of 38 charter boards development of new school strategy and the execution of the charter authorization process. She led the adoption of policy requiring new charter board members to attend authorizer-led training within three months of appointment or election. Alongside her team, she developed community-responsive district authorization priorities, revised the authorization process to include student, parent, teacher and faith-based voice in the evaluation process and launched “So, you think you want to start a charter school,” to provide information to community members and community-led organizations about the foundation of the charter application process. Under her leadership, NOLA Public Schools developed a High School Credit Accumulation Tool as an additional layer of oversight for charter high schools.

Dr. Peterson has served as an elementary and middle school teacher, dean of students, dean of curriculum and instruction and school leader across various states including Brooklyn, Cleveland, Atlanta and Nashville.

Dr. Peterson was born and raised in Flint, Michigan. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Spelman College, a Master of Education in Educational Administration from the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign and a Doctorate of Education in Curriculum Planning from Tennessee State University. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and The Links Inc. She also serves as a member on the National Advisory Board for the National Association of Charter School Authorizers, a recent alumna of the 2019-2020 cohort of New Orleans Regional Leadership Institute and a current member of the National Association of Charter School Authorizers Leader Program.