

Dr. Kevin Ruth

Dr. Kevin Ruth is Executive Director of NJAIS, the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools, which promotes and supports educational, ethical, and professional excellence in its member schools, while safeguarding their independence and fostering courageous change. The Association administers a comprehensive standards-based accreditation program that inspires deep reflection and continuous school improvement; provides purposeful and responsive professional development experiences and leadership opportunities for teachers, administrators, staff, and trustees; and represents the interests of member schools at the local, state, and federal levels, among other areas of service.

Prior to his position at NJAIS, he served as Founder & Managing Director of Westlake Global, a K-20 educational consulting firm, working closely with boards and leaders on strategy, growth, and innovation, as well as accreditation and regulation. Prior to founding Westlake, he served as President of Moreland University (Washington, DC), and Chief Executive Officer of ECIS, the Educational Collaborative for International Schools (London), a global membership organization for K-12 independent and international schools in 90 countries. At ECIS, Kevin liaised with accrediting bodies from the United States and inspection bodies from the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates, as well as with Ministries of Education in multiple countries. He has served on accreditation visiting teams for K-12 independent schools, and as an education standards evaluator in higher education for the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC).

In addition to 28 years in education, Kevin has given 26 years of service as a director on non-profit boards, with four years as a governing board member of an independent school. He is a frequent speaker at educational conferences and gatherings at home and around the world; a Fellow in the UK-based Royal Society of Arts; member of the Online Executive Panel (Education) for McKinsey & Company; judge for the International School Awards; past lecturer for the National Endowment for the Humanities; and an advisor to multiple international education projects, including the recent OECD Future of Education and Skills 2030. He holds a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from Rutgers University, as well as executive education credentials from Stanford University and the Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford. In addition, he is a Stanford Certified Project Manager (SCPM®) and a Certified Merger and Acquisition Advisor (CM&AA®). A polyglot with seven languages, he holds citizenship in the US and UK.