



Arijit Sarkar

Director of Information Systems and Chief Information Officer

Arijit Sarkar serves as the chief information officer (CIO) and director of information systems for the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). As CIO, Sarkar provides leadership and vision for the agency's Office of Information Technology. Sarkar reports to the deputy commissioner, supervises five direct reports, and leads an information technology (IT) team of approximately 25 individuals. The primary responsibility of the office is to ensure new and continued availability of IT systems that are dependable, responsive and fully support the internal and external needs of the agency. Additionally, Sarkar provides executive leadership, direction and strategic vision to the agency in technology and information systems use and operations, strategies and program integrity. Sarkar, who has been serving as the director of information systems since 2012, assumed his additional role as CIO in November 2015. He has worked for DESE (formerly ADE) since 2008 and was an information systems business analyst from 2008 to 2010 and an information systems coordinator from 2010 to 2012. Before joining the department, Sarkar was a graduate research assistant at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock from 2006 to 2008.