



Erroll B. Davis Jr., Ph.D.

Superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools
Board Member, General Motors
1988 Black Engineer of the Year



Erroll B. Davis Jr. is less than a year into one of the most important jobs of his career—overseeing the education of 50,000 students and supervision of more than 6,000 employees in the Atlanta Public Schools school district in Atlanta. Davis currently serves as superintendent. He previously was chancellor of the University System of Georgia, where he was responsible for the state's 35 public colleges and universities. Between 1990 and 2005, he served as the president and chief executive officer of Alliant Energy Corporation and as a CEO of Wisconsin Power & Light (1978-1990). Davis, holder of a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Carnegie Mellon University in his native Pittsburgh, won an IBM Fellowship to complete his master's degree in business administration at the University of Chicago in 1967, before launching a career that made him the highest ranking African American executive in the utility business. He was a chairman of the Edison Electric Institute and has served on the boards of the Electric Power Research Institute, the American Society of Corporate Executives, and Interstate Power & Light. He is also a former chairman of the board of trustees at Carnegie Mellon.