Joel D. Boyd is a Harvard-trained educator whose career has spanned from the classroom to the principalship to the central administration of some of the nation's largest school systems. He currently serves as a Senior Vice President with BrightBytes, Inc, an award-winning education analytics company in San Francisco, CA.

Most recently, Dr. Boyd served as Superintendent of Santa Fe Public Schools (Santa Fe, NM), one of New Mexico's largest and most diverse school systems. As the district's Chief Executive Officer, he oversaw the education of nearly 14,000 students, managed a total annual operating budget of more than 170 million dollars and led a team of approximately 2,000 employees. Under his leadership, SFPS initiated strategies and programs to improve teaching and learning, heighten expectations for adults and students, and increase the level of parental engagement. As a result, SFPS achieved significant improvements with more children graduating from high school than ever before.

As Superintendent, Dr. Boyd made a commitment to meet the needs of all students with a focus on Santa Fe's most at-risk and vulnerable youth. He simultaneously served as the self-appointed Principal of Engage Santa Fe, a first-of-its-kind program in New Mexico which sought to recruit dropouts back to the public school system, enabling them to earn a high school diploma through a blend of virtual learning and one-on-one tutoring. Dr. Boyd and his wife also donated the seed money to establish the Superintendent's Scholarship Fund with the goal of supporting economically disadvantaged high school graduates with the cost of college tuition.

In recognition of the progress that SFPS made during his tenure, Dr. Boyd was honored with the 2014 Excellence in Education Award by the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to relocating to New Mexico, Dr. Boyd served as an Assistant Superintendent with the School District of Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA), a system of more than 200 schools and 150,000 students. In this role, he managed a portfolio of 37 schools in the city's northeast region which included a total population of approximately 30,000 students. In Philadelphia, Dr. Boyd also served as Principal of Woodrow Wilson Middle School, one of the city's largest comprehensive middle schools. Under his leadership, Wilson Middle School progressed dramatically on several fronts, including across the board increases in student achievement and significant reductions in the racial achievement gaps.

Previously, Dr. Boyd served as Special Assistant to the Superintendent with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (Miami, FL), the nation's 4th largest school district. As a member of the Superintendent's Cabinet, he supported one of the most ambitious reform agendas in the country. During this period, Miami was widely viewed as one of the most successful urban school systems in the nation and was named as a finalist for the prestigious Broad Prize for Urban Education.

In 2006, Dr. Boyd was selected as one of just six educators nationally for a fellowship to complete his doctorate at Harvard University in the top-rated Urban Superintendents Program. Published in 2012, his dissertation research focuses on the career factors and pathways that lead to success in urban school district leadership. Dr. Boyd also holds a Master's degree in Education Policy and Management from Harvard University, a Master's degree in School leadership from Wilmington College, and a Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Delaware.