

## **Author's Bio**

In his narrative memoir, Mr. Vincent DeRosa recalls founding *The Classical Academy Charter School of Clifton* in 1997. From the first group of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in September, 1998, Mr. DeRosa was the Lead Person/Lead Teacher through 2016. His book recalls how he and his team made it one of New Jersey's most successful charter schools, earning 2008, among other awards, the coveted "National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence" designation.