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WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PROUDLY ANNOUNCES PRINCIPAL, DIRECTOR, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANGES FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



Ms. Debbie G. Donnelly to serve as Principal of W.M. Anderson Primary Montessori School

Ms. Debbie G. Donnelly has been named principal at W.M. Anderson Primary Montessori School after having served as Assistant Principal of W.M. Anderson Primary Montessori School. She has previously served in the following roles: Third Grade teacher, Classroom Gifted & Talented teacher for 3rd through 6th grades, Assistant Principal for 13.5 years, and a principal for 3 years. She has also worked as a certified Medical Laboratory Technician. She has earned the following college degrees: Associate of Health Science in Medical Laboratory Technology from Florence-Darlington Technical College, a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Coker College (now Coker University), and a Master of Education in Administration +30 hours in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of South Carolina. She is also one of the few who holds an endorsement for having completed the South Carolina Department of Education's (SDE) Transformational Leadership Academy (SCTLA). Ms. Donnelly is ecstatic to be the Principal at W.M. Anderson Primary Montessori School.



Ms. Ayesha Hannibal to serve as Principal of Kingtree Middle Magnet School of the Arts

Ayesha Hannibal is a native of Lynchburg, South Carolina. She has been a special needs educator for 17 years in grades K-12. Ms. Hannibal has been an administrator at the school level and previously worked as a Special Services Instructional Facilitator at the district level. She served all middle schools and select elementary schools within Williamsburg County School District in a previous position. For many years her work focused on African American males in low socio-economic middle schools. Her highest achievement to date is her ability to create a unique perspective and a positive way to handle adversity and frustration in African American males exhibiting severe behavior problems. Watching students succeed, by graduating high school and becoming successful citizens within the community is why she became an educator.

She has an undergraduate degree with a concentration in Learning and Emotional Disabilities, and a master's degree in Learning Disabilities and Educational Leadership. She is currently working towards her doctorate in Educational Leadership. Her passion for students of all varying abilities and working with the community has been her motivational force. She has an 18-year-old son and a 15-year-old daughter. She enjoys traveling and spending time with her father. She looks forward to a fantastic school year as the Principal of Kingtree Middle Magnet School of the Arts.



Dr. Relus Lucear, Jr. to serve as the Director of H.O.P.E. Academy

Dr. Lucear's educational career started as a Special Education Teacher in 1996 with the Clayton County School District in Georgia. In 2004, Dr. Lucear joined the Georgia Department of Corrections Education Division, where he served as Principal and as Regional Education Supervisor. In 2011, Dr. Lucear started with the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice, where he served as Principal. Dr. Lucear worked as Assistant Principal at Bates Middle School for close to four and half years and most recently as Principal of Kingtree Middle Magnet School of the Arts.

Dr. Lucear has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Special Education, a Master's in Public Administration, and an Educational Specialist Degree (Ed.S) in Educational Leadership from Georgia College in Milledgeville, Ga. Lastly, Dr. Lucear obtained his Doctoral Degree in 2019 from South Carolina State University. Dr. Lucear is an active member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity; he is currently in the Pi Sigma Chapter (Kingtree, SC). In his spare time, he enjoys watching the Atlanta Falcons football games as well as supporting the athletic teams of the South Carolina State University Bulldogs.



Dr. Tara Richardson to serve as Director of FLEX Academy

Dr. Tara Richardson is a native of Florence, SC, and a lifelong educator. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Claflin University, a Master of Education Degree from S.C. State University, and an Educational Specialist Degree from The University of Sarasota. She also obtained a Doctorate of Education from Argosy University in Educational Leadership. Additionally, Dr. Richardson spent twenty years as a classroom teacher, and eleven years as a school counselor at both the middle and high school levels. She was also Assistant Principal for one year, Principal for four years, and one year as Director of H.O.P.E. Academy. Dr. Richardson is proud to share all of her educational experiences and is very excited to serve in her role as Director of Flex Academy.



Mr. LeAndrea Montgomery to serve as Principal of Hemingway Elementary School

Mr. LeAndrea Montgomery is an educator with various experiences in and out of the classroom. He joined the Williamsburg County School District (WCSD) in 2017, he served as Instructional Coach at Greeleyville Elementary School and recently as assistant principal at Kenneth Gardner Elementary School. Prior to coming to WCSD, Mr. Montgomery taught second grade and fourth grade at St. James-Galliard Elementary School in Orangeburg County School District. Mr. Montgomery is a graduate of Clemson University where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education with a minor in Athletic Leadership. He received his Master's Degree in Education Administration and Supervision from Southern Wesleyan University. Mr. Montgomery is a native of Greeleyville, South Carolina. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, and a member of the nationally acclaimed "Call Me MiSTER" Program founded by Clemson University.



**Mrs. Patrica Burch to serve as Executive Director of School and Educator Effectiveness for
Williamsburg County School District**

Patricia C. Burch is a lifelong native of the Browntown Community in Lake City, South Carolina. Ms. Burch is a graduate of Lake City High School. She has participated in numerous studies and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Francis Marion University; a Master's of Arts in Elementary Education & Learning Disabilities from Francis Marion University; and a Master's of Science Specialization in Leadership in Educational Administration and Supervision from Capella University. Ms. Burch has served children in Florence, Marion, and Williamsburg Counties as both a teacher and administrator for almost 30 years. She has served as an Adjunct Professor of English and Psychology at Florence Darlington Technical College. In her role as an educator and administrator, Ms. Burch has earned the respect of her colleagues, students, and community members as a proven leader, visionary of the 21st Century, mentor, and student advocate. Ms. Burch has taught at the elementary, middle, high school, and postsecondary educational levels.

Her administrative career began in 2012 as principal at North Mullins Primary School and Mullins Early Childhood Center. In 2014, Ms. Burch became principal at McCormick Elementary School (2014-2017). In 2017, she returned to Williamsburg County School District to serve as principal at W. M. Anderson Primary School. Since 2020, Ms. Burch has been the principal at Hemingway Elementary School (2020-2023). Outside of being an educator, Ms. Burch serves her church and other faith-based organizations through music ministry. She began singing with her family at the age of six and continues to sing in a gospel trio. Ms. Burch is the proud mother to Patrick (Grace) Burch and Mary Alison (Graham) Wilkins and grandmother to five precious grandsons. She will soon celebrate the birth of her first granddaughter. Ms. Burch resides in Lake City with the love of her life, Dean, along with her fur babies, Barkley and Punkin. Those who know her accredit her with being a prayer warrior and virtuous woman of God.