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## ***Interview of Dr. Relus Lucear Principal of Kingstree Middle Magnet School of the Arts***



### ***Q: What should parents expect when their children attend your school this year?***

A: Parents should expect a welcoming staff every day when their children enter our school doors. They should expect to receive top-notch instruction in every class, every day.

### ***Q: What does a typical school day look like for you as a principal?***

A: A typical day for me as a principal would be me being visible during the following: at the start of the day when students enter the building, in classrooms observing classroom instruction, in the lunchroom during school lunch hours, during the change of classes, and finally being visible at the end of the day. I work on completing various paperwork and administrative duties before school and after school.

### ***Q: How has the nationwide teacher shortage impacted your school, do you have a fully staffed school?***

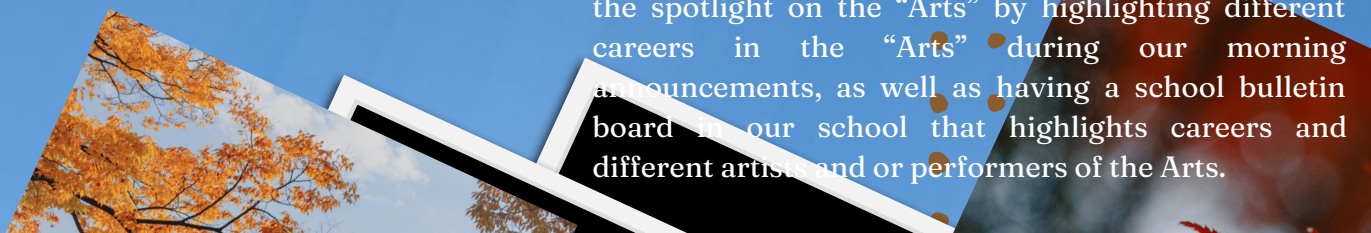
A: The nationwide teacher shortage has impacted my school by having to find alternative ways for my students to be educated without a certified teacher in front of them every day. We are not fully staffed, however; we have come up with a plan by having certified staff teach our students virtually by using the platform called Elevate. Elevate allows our students to be taught the South Carolina Curriculum by a certified teacher. We will have a monitor in the class to address any behavioral or logistic concerns that may arise in the class.

### ***Q: How would you describe your relationship with your students?***

A: I am a new principal this school year. However, for the last 5 years, I served as an Assistant Principal in a middle school in Sumter. My relationship with my students in Sumter was a relationship of mutual respect and I do not see it being any different with the students here at Kingstree Middle Magnet School of the Arts.

### ***Q: What's new at your school for this upcoming school year?***

A: This school year, we have a focus on the "Arts." We will have different school performances that are from our community that focus on the arts. For example, dance groups, one-act plays, bands, and orchestras, will perform for our students and staff. We will take field trips that are focused on the arts in our community and surrounding areas. We will have more student performances (plays, band performances, musicals, one-act plays, art shows, etc). We will put our student's talents on display. Moreover, we will put the spotlight on the "Arts" by highlighting different careers in the "Arts" during our morning announcements, as well as having a school bulletin board in our school that highlights careers and different artists and or performers of the Arts.



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***Q: As an administrator what are your strengths?***

A: My strengths are connecting with students, parents, and staff. I am very approachable, with a non-threatening demeanor. My weakness is my hesitation to delegate things to others. I am the kind of person who is always hands-on and tend to take on the task when I know I have capable people in the building who can do the job just as well as I can or better.

***Q: If random students were interviewed from your school what do you think they will say about you as their principal?***

A: I have no doubt the students would say their principal is always around, he listens, and he attends our sporting, academic and social events. Lastly, the students would say that their principal is fair when dealing with discipline.

***Q: What's one thing that you want parents to know about you as the Principal?***

A: I want parents to know that I have an open-door policy. I welcome their input on matters that deal with their child. I want them to feel free to schedule meetings with me and let me know the concerns they may have through email and or phone calls. Moreover, I would also like to receive feedback from parents when they like the things that we are doing at our school and when they have had a positive experience while visiting our school.

