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Marion County School District Announces Administrative Changes for the 2023-2024 School Year

Dr. Kandace Bethea, Superintendent of Marion County School District has announced several administrative changes for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Many of these individuals are current employees of the district who will transition to new roles. The district also welcomes new faces to the MCSD team and is excited to support them in their new role as they begin their work in Marion.

Mrs. Stacy Wilbanks has been named Director of Human Resources.

Dr. Nickia Burks has been named Director of Special Services.

Dr. Tracey Holcombe has been named Director of Elementary Education.

Mrs. Rachel Caulder has been named Academic Learning Specialist for English Language Arts.

Mrs. Sharon Crowner has been named Parenting and Community Engagement Specialist.

Mrs. Cynthia Williams Blaine has been named Director of Federal Programs.

Dr. Rodney McCorkle has been named Principal of Palmetto Middle School.

Mr. John Washington has been named Interim Principal of Johnakin Middle School.

Ms. Rita Davis has been named Interim Principal of Success Academy at the Palmetto Education Center.



Mrs. Stacy Wilbanks has been named Director of Human Resources and currently serves as the Director of Public Relations. She has formerly served MCSD in school and district administrative roles.



Dr. Nickia Burks has been named Director of Special Services. She moves from her current role in MCSD as the Coordinator of Special Services.



Dr. Tracey Holcombe has been named Director of Instruction (elementary/middle). Dr. Holcombe returns to MCSD after work at Francis Marion University as Dean of the College of Education and most recently as Headmaster at a local private school.



Mrs. Rachel Caulder has been named Academic Learning Specialist for English Language Arts. Mrs. Caulder returns to MCSD from Dillon School District Three where she has served as an Instructional Coach.



Mrs. Sharon Crowner has been named Parenting and Community Engagement Specialist. Mrs. Crowner has been serving as Assistant Director at the Academy of Careers and Technology.



Mrs. Cynthia Williams Blaine has been named Director of Federal Programs. Mrs. Williams Blaine joins us from Dillon School District Four where she currently serves at Dillon High School as the Title I Facilitator.



Dr. Rodney McCorkle has been named the Principal of Palmetto Middle School for the 23-24 school year. Currently Dr. McCorkle serves as the Assistant Principal at Palmetto Middle.



Mr. John Washington has been named the Interim Principal at Johnakin Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year. He currently serves as the Assistant Principal at Johnakin Middle School.



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Ms. Rita Davis will serve the Success Academy at the Palmetto Education Center as the Interim Principal for the 2023-2024 school year. Currently Ms. Davis serves SAPEC as the Assistant Principal and looks forward to serving in her new role.

The district is also excited to have some current administrators take on new or expanded roles; Michael Stone, Director of CTE, will have added responsibilities of facilitating secondary education. Melonie Gordon, Accountability Officer, will have added responsibilities of supporting CTE.

Superintendent, Dr. Kandace Bethea shared, "We look forward to each of these leaders excelling in their new roles and or/responsibilities as we continue to work towards achieving our six strategic priorities."