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## **BOE Approves Hire of New Classic City High School Director**

Athens, Georgia — During its Thursday, June 2 meeting, the Clarke County Board of Education approved the hire of veteran educator Dr. Angelia Major as the new director of Classic City High School.

Dr. Major has over 18 years of experience in public education and has been with the Clarke County School District for the last three years — serving first as an assistant principal at Coile Middle School and most recently as an assistant principal at Clarke Central High School.

“I am humbled and very excited to join the Classic City team,” said Dr. Major. “I look forward to continued collaboration with teachers, staff, and the community at large to suit rigorous academic expectations and the best interests of all students.”

Prior to her time with CCSD, the bulk of Dr. Major’s tenure in public education has been spent with the DeKalb County School District.

As a teacher, lead of special education services, and instructional support specialist, she played integral roles in achieving significant gains in College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) scores in all schools that she led.

She also engaged in school turnaround work that resulted in increases in multiple settings — most notably a 22-point gain (from 59.6 to 81.6) in one particular school. She also served as the lead of special education services for the Department of Juvenile Justice and Georgia Preparatory Academy.

Dr. Major received her Doctor of Education credential in Teaching and Learning from the University of Argosy, a masters degree in Special Education from Grand Canyon University, and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from American Intercontinental University.

“We are thrilled to have Dr. Major join Classic City High School as its next director,” said CCSD superintendent Dr. Xernona Thomas.

“She is a data-driven leader with a proven track record of improving schools’ performance, and I am confident that she will continue and enhance the work of previous Classic City leadership, including increasing our graduation rates and meeting the needs of our students who are served there.”

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