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BOE APPOINTS INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Athens, Georgia — The Clarke County Board of Education appointed Dr. Xernona Thomas as interim superintendent. Dr. Thomas was serving as the chief executive officer after the board placed superintendent Dr. Demond Means on administrative leave at the December 9, 2019 board meeting.

Dr. Xernona Thomas is a native Athenian and Clarke Central High graduate. She received three degrees from the University of Georgia: a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, a Master of Social Work, and a Doctorate of Education in Educational Administration and Policy.

Dr. Thomas has 27 years of experience serving students and communities in Clarke and Oconee counties as a school social worker, assistant principal, principal, and chief of staff.

“Dr. Thomas has the board’s full support to lead the district through this transition,” states Dr. LaKeisha Gant, board president.

The board will announce the process to select a permanent superintendent and provide updates as decisions are made.

The Board of Education is responsible for the employment of the superintendent. Please direct questions to board president, Dr. LaKeisha Gantt:

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