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BOE APPROVES HR ADMINISTRATOR HIRES

District Names New Chief of Human Resources and Executive Director of Talent Management

Athens, Georgia — The Clarke County School Board of Education approved hires for the administrator positions of Chief of Human Resources and Executive Director of Talent Management.

Dr. Selena Blankenship is rejoining the CCSD team to lead the department as the Chief of Human Resources. Dr. Blankenship most recently served as the Assistant Superintendent of HR and Student Support Services with the Jackson County School System in Jefferson, GA. She served as a teacher, assistant principal, and associate principal at Clarke Central High School and principal at Hilsman Middle School.

Dr. Blankenship holds the following degrees and certifications:

- University of Georgia, Athens, GA — Ph.D. in Adult Education, Human Resources and Organizational
- University of Georgia, Athens, GA — M.Ed. in Human Resources and Organizational Development
 - Training and Development Emphasis
 - L-5 Add on Certification in Leadership
- Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA — Non-degree Graduate Teaching Certification
 - Certification Area: Secondary Language Arts
 - Gifted In-field Endorsement

“I am pleased Dr. Blankenship is rejoining our CCSD family — she already has a deep love for our students, our staff, and our community,” stated Dr. Xernona Thomas, Superintendent.

Dr. Marsha Francis will join the district as the Executive Director of Talent Management. Dr. Francis has experience as a classroom teacher, edTPA Coordinator & Instructor, and most recently as the Program Manager of Talent Management for Fulton County Schools.

Dr. Francis holds the following degrees and certifications:

- University of Georgia, Athens, GA — Ph.D. in Educational Theory & Practice
- Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI — MA, Curriculum & Instruction
- Spelman College, Atlanta, GA — Bachelor of Art, Child Development

“I appreciate the experience Dr. Francis brings in the areas of supporting teacher candidates and performance assessments,” states Dr. Thomas. “We know positive student outcomes are directly related to the hiring and retention of high-quality staff, and I am confident in the leadership and impact Dr. Blankenship and Dr. Francis will have on this important work.”

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