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**NEW PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCED FOR
CHASE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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(ATHENS, GA)- Superintendent Dr. Xernona Thomas announces Tracy Neal as the new principal of Chase Street Elementary School following unanimous approval by the Board of Education at last night's Regular Board meeting. This morning, Ms. Neal was warmly received following her official introduction as the new leader to the school's faculty and staff by district leadership.

"Ms. Neal made an immediate connection with the interview team who appreciated her experience with older students and educational leadership across the Southeastern United States and abroad," said Dr. Xernona Thomas. "I know the school community is excited to work with her and continue the tradition of excellence at Chase Street Elementary."

Currently an assistant principal at Clarke Middle School, Ms. Neal was selected with the assistance of Chase Street's Local School Governance Team (*LSGT*), who recommended candidates to move forward in the hiring process. Ms. Neal previously served as a principal in Henry County, then recruited to serve as the founding principal at a new school in Abu Dhabi, UAE, and was promoted to a principal supervisor of a cluster of schools prior to returning stateside to be closer to her family.

Her education includes a BS in Elementary Education from Eastern Michigan University (1997) and an MA in Educational Administration from the University of Detroit Mercy (2001).

Ms. Neal will succeed current Chase Street Elementary School Principal Dr. Angela Jackson, who is retiring after serving 39 years in the Clarke County School District.

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Our Mission: The Clarke County School District is an ambitious community of learners in a diverse and culturally rich county. We are committed to equity and excellence through the implementation of rigorous standards in a safe and supportive environment — on every campus, in every classroom, and for every child.*