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Cumberland County Schools Announces Eight New Principals

Cumberland County Board of Education Approves Principal Recommendations

Fayetteville, NC– Following the recommendation of Cumberland County Schools (CCS) Superintendent Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr., the Cumberland County Board of Education officially approved eight new principals during Tuesday evening's Board meeting.

- Casey Yates, who currently serves as an assistant principal at Gray's Creek High School, will be the new principal of Brentwood Elementary School. Yates started her career with CCS in 2004 as a teacher and obtained her master's degree in school administration in 2014.
- Dr. Catherine Abraham-Johnson, who currently serves as an assistant principal at Terry Sanford High School, will be the new principal of E.E. Miller Elementary School. Dr. Johnson completed the University of North Carolina at Wilmington's Educational Leadership Doctoral Program in May of 2020. She joined CCS in 2004 as a fifth-grade teacher.
- Tiffany Eakins, who currently serves as a K-5 English Language Arts Curriculum Specialist for the district, will be the new principal of Elizabeth Cashwell Elementary School. Eakins joined CCS in 2009 as a teacher and obtained her master's degree in school administration in 2015.
- Ayanna Richard will be the new principal of Howard Learning Academy. Richard currently serves as CCS' Exceptional Children's Director. She started her career with CCS at the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020 and obtained her master's degree in school administration in 2011.
- Waylinda Williams will be the new principal of Ponderosa Elementary School after serving at that school as the assistant principal for nearly eight years. Williams joined CCS in 2000. She also obtained a Master of Education in Middle Grades Education in 1997 and her master's degree

in school administration in 2004.

- Elizabeth Blue, who currently serves as the assistant principal at Howard Hall Elementary School since 2017, will be the new principal of Raleigh Road Elementary School. Blue has been a CCS premier professional for 13 years and obtained her master's degree in school administration in 2015.
- Dr. Quesha Tillman, who currently serves as the assistant principal at Loyd Auman Elementary School, will be the new principal of Seventy-First Classical Middle School. Dr. Tillman earned her doctorate in Human Services in 2013, master's degree in school administration in 2016, and Master of Arts in education in 2009. Dr. Tillman was CCS' 2022 Assistant Principal of the Year and a National Association of Elementary School Principals 2022 National Outstanding Assistant Principal.
- Anita McLaughlin, who currently serves as an assistant principal at Douglas Byrd Middle School, will be the new principal of Sunnyside Elementary School. McLaughlin obtained her master's degree in 2011 and has been a premier professional of CCS since 2003.



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