



# NEWS RELEASE

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## Board of Education appoints district and school leaders

At its regular monthly meeting on October 15, 2020, the Gwinnett County Board of Education appointed **Dr. Clay Hunter** as the district's **Interim Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Support**. Dr. Hunter is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Support. He fills the vacancy created by the departure of Dr. Johnathan Patterson, who accepted a position with a neighboring school district. The Board also named **Dr. Michele Smith** as the **Executive Director of Internal Resolution and Compliance/Title IX Coordinator**. Dr. Smith currently serves as Principal of Jenkins Elementary School. She replaces Joyce Spraggs who is retiring this month. The process to appoint a new principal for Jenkins will begin immediately.

In addition to these district appointments, the Board named new principals for **Rosebud Elementary School** and **Stripling Elementary School**. **Brittany Riddick**, an assistant principal at Shiloh Elementary, is the new principal of **Rosebud Elementary**. **Dr. Molly McAuliffe**, an assistant principal at Harris Elementary, has been named principal of **Stripling Elementary**. Riddick and McAuliffe fill the positions held by Monica Ball and Dr. Chisel Valdez, respectively, both of whom are currently out on leave.

**Dr. Clay Hunter**  
**Interim Associate Superintendent,**  
**Curriculum and Instructional Support**  
**GCPS Employment:**

Nov. 2018-Present	Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instructional Support
2014-2018	Assistant Superintendent, School Improvement and Operations
2008-2012	Principal, South Gwinnett High School
2006-2008	Principal, Stripling Elementary School
2005-2006	Assistant Principal, McConnell Middle School
2002-2005	Assistant Principal, Meadowcreek High School
2000-2002	Social Studies Teacher, Norcross High School



***Other employment:***

2018	Adjunct Professor, Thomas University and the University of Georgia
2017-2018	Adjunct Professor, Clark Atlanta University

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**Gwinnett County Board of Education**

**Louise Radloff**  
 2020 Chairman  
 District V

**Carole C. Boyce**  
 2020 Vice Chairman  
 District I

**Steven B. Knudsen**  
 District II

**Dr. Mary Kay Murphy**  
 District III

**Everton Blair, Jr.**  
 District IV

**J. Alvin Wilbanks**  
 CEO/Superintendent

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*is to pursue excellence in academic knowledge, skills, and behavior for each student, resulting in measured improvement against local, national, and world-class standards.*

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2013-2014	Deputy Chief of Schools, Chicago Public Schools (IL)
2012-2013	Regional K-12 Executive Director of Schools, Atlanta Public Schools
1995-2000	Teacher, Milton High School, Fulton County Schools

***Education:***

- Bachelor’s degree in International Studies— Morehouse College
- Master’s degree in Social Science Education—University of Georgia
- Doctorate in Educational leadership— Clark Atlanta University

**Dr. Michele Smith,  
Executive Director, Internal Resolution and Compliance,  
Title IX Coordinator**

***GCPS Employment:***

2015-Present	Principal, Jenkins Elementary School
2013-2015	Principal, Suwanee Elementary School
2011-2013	Assistant Principal, Jenkins Elementary School
2010-2011	Administrative Intern, Jenkins Elementary School
2006-2010	Teacher, Dacula Middle School
2001-2006	Cedar Hill Elementary School



***Education:***

- Bachelor’s degree in Social Work— Western Michigan University
- Master’s degree in Social Work— Wayne State University
- Certification in Middle Grades Education— Brenau University
- Specialist degree in Educational Leadership— Argosy University
- Certification in Educational Leadership— University of Georgia
- Doctorate in Educational Leadership— Argosy University

**Brittany Riddick,  
Principal, Rosebud Elementary School**

***GCPS Employment:***

2016-Present	Assistant Principal, Shiloh Elementary School
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***Other Employment:***

2013-2016	Instructional Coach, Atlanta Public Schools
2011-2013	Teacher, Atlanta Public Schools
2004-2011	Clayton County Public Schools



***Education:***

- Bachelor’s degree in Middle Grades Education (4-8), Math and Science— Western Michigan University
- Master’s degree in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment—Walden University
- Specialist’s degree in Educational Technology—Walden University
- Certification in Educational Leadership—University of West Georgia

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*Ms. Riddick is a current member of Gwinnett County Public Schools' Quality-Plus Leader Academy, Aspiring Principal Program, Cohort 14.*

**Dr. Molly McAuliffe,**  
**Principal, Stripling Elementary School**

***GCPS Employment:***

2017-Present	Assistant Principal, Harris Elementary School
2014-2017	Assistant Principal, Peachtree Ridge High School
2009-2014	Internship Coordinator/Instructional Lead for Partnership Program, Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology (GSMST)
2003-2008	Teacher, Parkview High School



***Other Employment:***

2001-2002	Teacher, America Reads, Timothy Road Elementary School (Athens, GA))
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***Education:***

- Bachelor's degree in Communications— Virginia Tech University
- Master's degree in Social Science Education— University of Georgia
- Doctorate in Educational Leadership— University of Georgia

*Dr. McAuliffe is a current member of Gwinnett County Public Schools' Quality-Plus Leader Academy, Aspiring Principal Program Cohort 14 and a graduate of the 2014 Quality-Plus Leader Academy, Aspiring Leader Program, Cohort 5.*

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