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Board appoints principals for three schools: Alcova ES, Harmony ES, and Phoenix HS

During its monthly meeting in April, the Gwinnett County Board of Education approved three principal appointments for the 2019-2020 school year. **Cortina Harris**, an assistant principal at Lovin Elementary School, will become the principal of **Alcova Elementary School**. She will fill the position currently held by Dr. Todd Langley who has accepted a district level position in another school system. **Jonathan Day**, principal of Mulberry Elementary, is transitioning to the principal post at **Harmony Elementary**. He will succeed Principal Anne Marie Keskonis who is retiring at the end of the school year. **Niki Ross**, an assistant principal at **Phoenix High School**, will become the next principal of that school as Principal Donna Scott retires. In other personnel action, the Board named South Gwinnett High School Principal **Monique Lee** as **Assistant Director of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports**. With the approval of these appointments, the district will soon begin its process to identify new principals for Mulberry Elementary and South Gwinnett High School.

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2010 and 2014 Winner of



Cortina Harris, Principal of Alcova Elementary School

Employment:

June 2018-Present	Assistant Principal, Lovin Elementary School
June 2010-June 2018	Assistant Principal, McConnell Middle School
May 2009-June 2010	Teacher, Bay Creek Middle School
Jan. 2006-May 2009	Teacher, Summerour Middle School
Aug. 1997-Sept. 2001	Teacher, Dudley High School (Guilford County Public Schools, Greensboro, NC)



Education:

- Bachelor's degree in Special Education— North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
- Master's degree in Education — Central Michigan University
- Specialist's degree in Educational Leadership— University of West Georgia

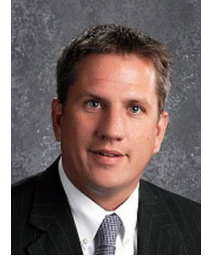
Ms. Harris is a graduate of Gwinnett County Public Schools' Quality-Plus Leader Academy, Aspiring Principal Program (Cohort 11).

Jonathan Day,

Principal of Harmony Elementary School

Employment:

2015-Present Principal, Mulberry Elementary School
2011-2015 Assistant Principal, Mulberry Elementary School
2010-2011 Administrative Intern/ESOL Teacher,
Mulberry Elementary School
2007-2010 Teacher, Mulberry Elementary School
2006-2007 Teacher, Dacula Elementary School
1999-2006 Teacher, McConnell Middle School
1994-1999 Teacher, Lilburn Middle School



Education:

- Bachelor's degree in Middle Grades Education— Georgia State University
- Master's degree in Educational Leadership— Georgia State University

Mr. Day is a graduate of Gwinnett County Public Schools' Quality-Plus Leader Academy, Aspiring Principal Program (Cohort 9).

Niki Ross,

Principal of Phoenix High School

Employment:

Dec. 2004-Present Assistant Principal, Phoenix High School
2006-2012 Summer Remediation Coordinator,
Georgia High School Graduation Test,
GCPS Office of Assessment
2003-2004 No Child Left Behind Coordinator,
Phoenix High School
2002-2004 Reading Leadership Collaborative, Phoenix High School
2000-2002 Language Arts Teacher, Phoenix High School
2000-2004 Course Developer/Language Arts Teacher,
Gwinnett Online Campus
1996-2000 Language Arts Teacher, Meadowcreek High School



Education:

- Bachelor's degree in Speech Communications and Political Science— University of Alabama
- Master's degree in English Education — Agnes Scott College
- Specialist's degree in English Education— Georgia State University
- Educational Administration and Supervision Certification— University of Georgia

Ms. Ross is a graduate of Gwinnett County Public Schools' Quality-Plus Leader Academy, Aspiring Principal Program (Cohort 2).