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Principals named for Creekland and Dacula middle schools and Discovery High School

At its regular meeting in May, the Gwinnett County Board of Education tapped three leaders to take the reins of schools for the 2018-19 school year.

- **Dr. Kimberly Birds**, an assistant principal at Northbrook Middle School, will be the new principal of **Creekland Middle School**. She will take over for Dr. Eddie Maresh who is taking a district leadership role as a Human Resources Staffing Director.
- **Dacula Middle School** will gain a new leader in **Kimberly Bussey**, who currently serves as an assistant principal at Twin Rivers Middle School. Ms. Bussey will succeed Dr. Kellye Riggins who has accepted a principal position in another school system.
- **Marci Sledge**, principal of Pinckneyville Middle School, will transfer and become the new principal of **Discovery High School**. This position is available due to the retirement of Discovery High School Principal Dr. Gene Taylor.

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2010 and 2014 Winner of



Dr. Kimberly Birds, Principal of Creekland Middle School

Employment:

2014- Present	Assistant Principal, Northbrook Middle School
2011-2014	Assistant Principal, GIVE Center West
2010-2011	Math Instructional Coach, Shiloh Middle School
2009-2010	7 th Grade Math Teacher, Shiloh Middle School
2004-2009	Teacher, Math Specialist, Stone Mountain Middle School (DeKalb County, GA)

Education:

Bachelor's degree in Mathematics Education— Claflin University (SC)
Master's degree in Instruction— Central Michigan University
Specialist's degree in Educational Leadership— Argosy University
Educational Leadership Endorsement— Kennesaw State University
Doctorate in Educational Leadership— Argosy University

Dr. Birds is a 2017 graduate of the Gwinnett County Public Schools Aspiring Principals Program.



Kimberly Bussey, Principal of Dacula Middle School

Employment:

2009- Present	Assistant Principal, Twin Rivers Middle School
2008-2009	Assistant Principal, Creekland Middle School
2000-2008	Teacher, Creekland Middle School
1999-2000	Teacher, Jamestown Elementary School (Hephzibah, GA)
1999	Teacher, John M. Tutt Middle School (Augusta, GA)



Education:

Bachelor's degree in Middle Grades Education— Fort Valley State University
Master's degree in Instructional Technology— Troy State University
Specialist's degree in Educational Administration and Supervision— Lincoln Memorial University

Ms. Bussey is a member of the 2018 Cohort of Gwinnett County Public Schools' Aspiring Principals Program.

Marci Sledge, Principal of Discovery High School

Employment:

2013- Present	Principal, Pinckneyville Middle School
2008-2013	Principal, Trip Elementary School
2005-2008	Assistant Principal, Hull Middle School
2003-2005	Administrative Intern/Assistant Principal, Hull Middle School
1999-2003	Teacher, Norcross High School
1996-1999	Teacher, John Muir Middle School (LA Unified, CA)



Education:

Bachelor's degree in Communication—University of Tulsa (OK)
Post Baccalaureate Science Certificate—Brandeis University (MA)
Teacher Certification Program—California State University (CA)
Master's degree in Educational Leadership— Georgia State University
Specialist's degree in Education Administration and Policy— University of Georgia

Mrs. Sledge is a 2007 graduate of the Gwinnett County Public Schools Aspiring Principals Program.

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