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Gwinnett BOE names new assistant superintendent and principal

At its regular monthly meeting, the **Gwinnett County Board of Education** named two local school leaders to fill upcoming vacancies.

Clifton D. Alexander is the new Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Schools, in the Division of School Improvement & Operations. He replaces Dr. Clay Hunter who is the district's Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Support. Alexander currently serves as Principal at Simonton Elementary School.

Dr. Chisel Valdez was appointed Principal at Stripling Elementary. She currently serves as Assistant Principal at Dacula Elementary School.

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Clifton Alexander, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Schools, Division of School Improvement & Operations

Employment:

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| 2013- Present | Principal, Simonton Elementary School |
| 2009-2013 | Assistant Principal, Meadowcreek Elementary School |
| 2006-2009 | Teacher, Kelley Lake Elementary School (DeKalb County) |
| 2003-2006 | Teacher, Alice Coachman Elementary (Albany, GA) |

Education:

Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education — Albany State University
Master's degree in Psychology and Counseling — Troy State University
Specialist's degree in Educational Administration — Central Michigan University

Alexander is a graduate of the 2013 Quality-Plus Leader Academy, Aspiring Principal Program.



2010 and 2014 Winner of



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Dr. Chisel Valdez, Principal, Stripling Elementary School

Employment:

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| 2014- Present | Assistant Principal, Dacula Elementary School |
| 2010-2014 | Assistant Principal, Minor Elementary School |
| 2007-2010 | Teacher & Department Chair, Grayson Elementary School |
| 2003-2007 | Teacher, North Lauderdale, FL |



Education:

Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education — Manhattan College

Master's degree in Educational Leadership — Nova Southeastern University

Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Organizational Leadership — Nova Southeastern University

Dr. Valdez is a graduate of the 2016 Quality-Plus Leader Academy, Aspiring Principal Program and the 2010 Quality-Plus Leader Academy, Aspiring Leader Program.