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Dr. Brandon Bell to serve as GIVE Center East Principal; BOE taps Peachtree Ridge HS Principal Jeff Mathews as district’s Assistant Superintendent of Leadership Development

At its regular monthly meeting on June 20, 2019, the Gwinnett County Board of Education appointed **Dr. Brandon Bell**, an assistant principal at Lilburn Middle School, as the principal of **GIVE Center East**. He succeeds Durrant Williams who was recently named as the new principal of Berkmar High School. The Board also tapped **Dr. Jeff Mathews**, principal of Peachtree Ridge High School, as the district’s **Assistant Superintendent of Leadership Development**, filling the vacancy created as Dr. Glenn Pethel retires at the end of this month.

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Dr. Brandon Bell, Principal of GIVE Center East

Employment:

2014-Present	Assistant Principal, Lilburn Middle School
2012-2015	Teacher Development Coach/ Responsive Coaching Seminar Instructor, The New Teacher Project: Georgia Teaching Fellows
2009-2014	Teacher, Nesbit Elementary School



Education:

- Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education— North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC)
- Master’s degree in Educational Leadership — Argosy University
- Specialist’s degree in Educational Leadership— West Georgia University
- Doctoral degree in Teaching and Learning—Argosy University

Dr. Bell is a graduate of Gwinnett County Public Schools’ Quality-Plus Leader Academy, Aspiring Principal Program (Cohort 13).

2010 and 2014 Winner of

the **broad prize**
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Dr. Jeff Mathews,
Assistant Superintendent of
Leadership Development



Employment:

2013-Present	Principal, Peachtree Ridge High School
2008-2013	Principal, Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology
2007-2008	Assistant Principal, Parkview High School
1996-2007	Teacher, Parkview High School

Education:

- Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry— Berry College
- Master's degree in Secondary Science Education — University of Georgia
- Doctoral degree in Teaching and Learning: Science Education— Georgia State University

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