

D50 Announces New Principal and Administrative Changes at April Board Meeting

Mathews Elementary, Hodges Elementary, and Lakeview Elementary will have new faces as principals next year.

Barry Jacks has been named as Mathews Elementary's new Principal. Over the last 22 years, Jacks has served as an elementary, middle, and high school principal in Abbeville County Schools and Anderson School District 3. Most recently, Jacks served as the Principal at Crescent High School from 2016 - 2019. In 2018, Crescent was one of only two high schools in the state that scored an Excellent rating on the SC School Report Card with greater than 60% of their student population being Free and Reduced. As a principal, Jacks has a history of improving schools across the state.



"I am excited about this new career opportunity in District 50," Jacks stated. "I look forward to working with the teachers and staff of Mathews as we strive to improve the overall success of all of our students."

"Mr. Jacks is an experienced administrator who has a proven track record of success for improving schools across our state," Superintendent Steve Glenn stated. "He is the only principal in the history of South Carolina to have multiple most improved schools in the state."

District 50 also announced other administrative changes at the April Board meeting. Latasha Goodwin has been named as the Principal at Lakeview Elementary School. Goodwin is currently completing her second year as Principal at Hodges Elementary. Goodwin replaces Principal Molly Smith who was named the Director of the Early Childhood Center in February.

Christine Rogers was announced as the new Principal at Hodges Elementary School. Rogers is currently completing her first year at Mathews Elementary School. Prior to becoming Principal at Mathews, Rogers served as the Assistant Principal at Hodges in 2018.

Damian Coleman was also announced as the new Director of Alternative Programs. The new title encompasses the Adult Education program along with the alternative programs housed at the Genesis Education Center.

Superintendent Glenn is excited to have Jacks as a new Principal at Mathews and three administrators moving into new roles in the district.

Dr. Glenn said, "All of these administrators will do a tremendous job at their respective schools. I am confident they will have a positive impact on the faculty, staff, students and parents at their schools next year."