



Dr. Mendi Tucker to Lead Gloverville Elementary School Beginning in 2016-17 Academic Year

The next principal of Gloverville Elementary School is an educator with over 20 years of extensive educational experience and service in the classroom.

Appointment of Dr. Mendi Tucker as the school's next principal was approved by Aiken County Public School District Board of Education members Tuesday. She currently serves as a Master Instructional Coach in Edgefield County.

Dr. Tucker follows current Gloverville Elementary School Principal Michelle Padgett, who will be the new principal at Leavelle McCampbell Middle School starting in August.

She earned her doctorate in Educational Leadership with Emphasis in Curriculum and Instruction in 2008. Her dissertation was a program review entitled "Evaluation of a Preschool Program Design to Improve Readiness Skills and Reduce the Achievement Gap."

She earned a Master of Education in Elementary Education in 1994 from Lander University, and a Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood from The University of South Carolina at Aiken in 1992. She has also completed Superintendent certification and received Administration and Supervision certification.

Dr. Tucker started her career in 1992 as a Fourth Grade teacher at Hollywood Elementary School in Saluda County where she served in various roles for more than a decade. In 2002, she was recognized as the Distinguished Reading Teacher of the Year in Saluda County; and the following school year, named Teacher of the Year at Hollywood Elementary School.

The next stage of her career was spent as a director of Adult Education in Saluda County before moving on to Lexington County where she served as an assistant principal at Gilbert Elementary School. W