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Long-time District Leader To Enhance Safety and Energy Conservation Efforts

Beginning in January 2017, Dr. Tim Yarborough will expand his role in operational leadership as the District's newly-named Director of Operations.

"Our organization is committed to keeping students and staff members safe, being financially responsible and providing a challenging educational experience. As we work to improve crisis management and overall safety in our schools while conserving energy resources district-wide, Tim's oversight and direction will be a tremendous asset to us," Superintendent Dr. Sean Alford commented of the new assignment.

Throughout a career spanning more than two decades, the former Aiken County graduate has demonstrated unwavering dedication and commitment to the school district. He holds an undergraduate degree from USC-Aiken, Master's and Educational Specialist degrees from USC-Columbia and a Doctoral Degree from Georgia Southern University. After serving as a Social Studies Teacher, and, later, Assistant Principal of Butler High School in Augusta, Yarborough returned home to Aiken County in the year 2000 as Principal of Wagener-Salley High School.

He has served as a District administrator since 2006; first joining the Superintendent's Cabinet as an Assistant Superintendent for Area 3, and continuing in a similar, but level-specific position as the Academic Officer over high schools in 2011.

Under the oversight of Dr. Yarborough, Aiken's high schools have flourished and graduation rates have soared. US News and World Report named Aiken High number 13 in the state, South Aiken received a National Blue Ribbon Award, Midland Valley established an Early College in collaboration with Aiken Technical College, and North Augusta and South Aiken partnered with the National Math + Science Initiative to become Advanced Placement Academies.

In his new role, Yarborough will develop school and district safety initiatives, oversee the School Resource Officer program, and address district energy conservation needs, among other operations-related duties.

"It has been an honor to oversee the good work of our high schools up to this point," Dr. Yarborough said. "With our recently-announced thematic programs, all seven are poised for great success. I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue that momentum in a more operationally-focused role."

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