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**ORANGEBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS
AND NEW COLLABORATIVE ROLES FOR 2024-2025**

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – Orangeburg County School District (OCSD) is pleased to announce several key leadership appointments and transitions for the 2024-2025 academic year, which align with our strategic initiatives to strengthen educational leadership and streamline operations in anticipation of the opening of East Lake Elementary School and ensure a smooth transition for William J. Clark Middle School and R.E. Howard Middle School.

Donyale Mosley, currently the Principal at William J. Clark Middle School, will transition to the Principal position at R.E. Howard Middle School. Phillip Mickles will move from his current position as Principal at R.E. Howard Middle School to the Principal role at William J. Clark Middle School.

Latonya Durant, Principal at Vance-Providence, will transition to Coordinator of Elementary ELA while continuing her leadership at Vance-Providence. Keonia Gilliard will transition from Principal at St. James-Gaillard to Coordinator for Elementary Science, continuing her involvement at St. James-Gaillard. Johnnie Smith, Principal of Holly Hill Elementary, will take on additional responsibilities as Coordinator of Fine Arts alongside his ongoing principal duties.

Once hired, Latonya Durant, Keonia Gilliard, and Johnnie Smith will also collaborate closely with the new Principal of East Lake Elementary School. This newly established school will merge the student bodies from Vance-Providence, St. James-Gaillard, and Holly Hill Elementary, forming a central hub for our community's educational aspirations – and the new principal will lead the transition from three schools to one and serve as the leader once the school is completed - welcoming nearly 600 students.

"These appointments and transitions are critical to our district's goals of fostering an environment where educational leaders can thrive and drive positive change. The movements at Clark and Howard, along with the setup for success at East Lake, are aligned with our mission to enhance educational outcomes for every student," said Dr. Shawn Foster, OCSD Superintendent.

Orangeburg County School District

The mission of Orangeburg County School District, the catalyst of innovation and excellence, is to ensure all students discover and develop their person, purpose, and platform through high-quality educational experiences distinguished by a culture of collaboration, equity, and inclusion; a creative learning environment with inspiring opportunities; a commitment to nurturing the academic, physical, social and emotional well-being of all. Visit us online at ocsdsc.org

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