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Hunter-Kinard-Tyler Elementary School Welcomes Denise Simpson as the New Principal

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – Hunter-Kinard-Tyler Elementary School is pleased to announce that Denise Simpson will serve as the school's new principal for the 2025-2026 school year. Simpson brings more than 21 years of experience in elementary education, instructional leadership, and administrative excellence.

Simpson has dedicated her career to enhancing student achievement, integrating technology into education, and fostering positive learning environments. She most recently served as the principal of Whittaker Elementary School, where she played a pivotal role in academic growth, faculty development, and community engagement.

"We are excited to welcome Simpson to the HKT Elementary family," said Dr. Shawn D. Foster, Superintendent of Orangeburg County School District. "Her extensive experience, leadership, and commitment to student success make her the ideal candidate to lead our school into a bright future."

Simpson holds an Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in Educational Administration from South Carolina State University, a Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Technology in Education from Lesley

University, and a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Early Childhood Education from South Carolina State University. Her background includes roles as a teacher, curriculum coordinator, instructional technology facilitator, and assistant principal, showcasing her versatility and dedication to education.

"I am honored to join HKT Elementary School and look forward to working with the students, staff, and community," said Simpson. "Together, we will build on the school's strong foundation and continue to create an enriching educational experience for all."

HKT Elementary School looks forward to a successful academic year under Simpson's leadership.

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