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Forsyth County Schools Announces Leadership Appointments

The Forsyth County Schools Board of Education approved two leadership appointments for the 2026-2027 school year at a called meeting on January 5, 2026.

Mr. Eric Ashton, current Principal of Daves Creek Elementary School, has been appointed Director of Human Resources, following the retirement of Ms. Heather Gordy. Mr. Ashton brings nearly two decades of leadership experience in Forsyth County Schools, having served as principal of Daves Creek Elementary since 2007. Prior to leading Daves Creek Elementary, Mr. Ashton served as principal of Sawnee Primary School from 2006 to 2007. His earlier leadership experience includes serving as assistant principal at Chattahoochee Elementary School, Daves Creek Elementary School, and Vickery Creek Middle School. He began his career in education as an elementary teacher in Fulton County before joining Forsyth County Schools.

Mr. Ashton holds a Bachelor of Science in History from SUNY Brockport, a Master of Science in Education from Nazareth College of Rochester, and a Specialist in Education in Educational Administration and Policy from the University of Georgia.

Dr. Megan Thompson, current Principal of Lakeside Middle School, has been appointed Director of Teaching and Learning following the retirement of Pam Pajerski. Dr. Thompson brings extensive experience in school leadership, instruction, and professional learning. She has served as principal of Lakeside Middle School since 2020 and previously held assistant principal roles at both the elementary and middle school levels at Sharon Elementary and Lakeside Middle School. She began her career in Forsyth County Schools as a teacher at South Forsyth Middle School. Prior to joining Forsyth County Schools, Dr. Thompson taught at the elementary, middle, and high school levels in Chatham, Gwinnett, and DeKalb counties.

Dr. Thompson earned a Bachelor of Science in Middle School Education and a Master of Science in Reading Education from Georgia Southern University and holds a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Walden University.

Forsyth County Schools congratulates Mr. Eric Ashton and Dr. Megan Thompson on their new appointments.

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