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The Halifax County Schools Board of Education approved the appointment of Mrs. Carolyn Mitchell for the position of Executive Director of Human Resources. Mrs. Mitchell recently served as the Director of Employee Relations, Recruitment and Retention, Principal of Pittman Elementary Leadership Academy, and has served Halifax County

Schools as a classroom teacher, teacher mentor, instructional coach, and assistant principal. Mrs. Mitchell holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management, a Master of Arts in Education Instruction, and a Master's in School Administration. She holds North Carolina teaching licenses in middle school language arts and social studies and a certification in Academically Intellectually Gifted (AIG). In addition, Mrs. Mitchell is the co-founder of Freedom & Abundant Life Coaching & Consulting, LLC and holds certification as a Financial Education Instructor and Masterful Life Coach. Mrs. Mitchell enjoys reading, traveling, working in her church and community, spending time with family and friends, and experiencing new learning opportunities. Dr. Eric Cunningham states, "Mrs. Mitchell's wide area of experiences will be instrumental in serving and supporting our schools."

"You are the designer of your destiny; you are the author of your story." - Lisa Nichols.



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Ms. Terry Alston has filled Halifax County Schools Chief Finance Officer position. Terry Alston began her educational career in Halifax County Schools in the Curriculum and Instruction Department as an administrative assistant in 1994 and advanced to parent involvement coordinator in 2000. Since 2004, she has served as federal programs director, public information officer, and grant writer in Weldon City Schools. Ms. Alston completed her Bachelor of

Science Degree in Business Administration at North Carolina Wesleyan College and Masters of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University. She received the National Association of Federal Education Program Administrators Award in 2010 and, most recently, in March 2022. Ms. Alston is an active member of the North Carolina Federal Education Program Administrators member. “I am humbled and excited to be selected as Halifax County Schools Chief Financial Officer. I look forward to rekindling and building new relationships with stakeholders as I accept the recruitment challenge to “Come and Grow,” said Ms. Alston. Dr. Eric Cunningham adds, “Ms. Alston brings a wealth of knowledge and a spirit of teamwork to the table. I am excited that she is returning to the Lighthouse District.”



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The Halifax County Board of Education approved Ms. Sharon Richardson for Director of the Whole Child. Ms. Sharon Richardson has served several years as an Assistant Principal in Craven County Schools, where she has gained experience at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. During those years, she has served as a special education teacher, Exceptional Children (EC) chairperson, EC Liaison, and the administrator over exceptional children’s programs at her schools. She has been in education for over 12+ years, starting in special education as a paraprofessional. Ms. Richardson's work as a paraprofessional ignited her passion and dedication to improving the educational success of students with “different” needs. After graduating high school, she began her career by serving eight years in the United States Marines. Ms. Richardson has a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology, Sociology, and Criminal Justice from Drury University in Missouri. In 2009, she obtained her teaching credential in Special Education in mild to moderate and moderate to severe disabilities from National University in California. In 2013, her military family moved to North Carolina from California. While living in NC, she obtained her Master’s Degree in Special Education with an add-on School Administration Degree from Gardner Webb. Creating learning environments where “all” students can be successful has been her personal goal throughout her educational career. Ms. Richardson states, “I look forward to contributing to the vision and mission of Halifax County Schools and being that “service leader” for the staff, students, and families of Halifax.” Superintendent Dr. Cunningham states, “Ms. Richardson has a great exceptional children's background, and I know her contributions will serve the students of Halifax County Schools well.”



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Ms. Katina Lynch has been approved for the position of Principal at Aurelian Springs Institute of Global Learning. Ms. Lynch has received two Bachelor's Degrees from East Carolina University, majoring in History and Anthropology. She received her Master's Degree from North Carolina State University in School Administration in 2010. Ms. Lynch has worked as an assistant principal for 11 years and has additional

experience as a social studies teacher and site facilitator. She has served on many committees and has received honors, such as Assistant Principal and Teacher of the Year awards. Ms. Lynch is also a proud member of the North Carolina Principal and Assistant Principal Association. Ms. Lynch states, "It is a great honor for me to return to Halifax County School District. I am thankful for the opportunities that have been provided to me as a former student and educator. I am extremely excited to be able to serve the students, school, and community and provide the same opportunities I experienced". Superintendent Dr. Cunningham adds, "We are excited to have Ms. Lynch a part of Halifax County Schools. I cannot wait to see all of the great things she does and bring to Aurelian Springs Institute of Global Learning".



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Jasmine A. Ingram is a Maryland Native. Jasmine holds a Master of Arts in Human Resource Development from Bowie State University and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography and Computer Imagery from Shepherd University. Ms. Ingram will serve as the Licensure and Digital Media Coordinator for Halifax County Schools.

Jasmine was a recipient of a 4-year scholarship in the Multicultural Leadership Program at Shepherd University, working with a team of individuals from around the world, including but not limited to Australia, Columbia, and Ghana. During that time, Jasmine gained experience on various topics, including cultural awareness, equality, diversity and inclusion, leadership development, social justice, and equity. She has experience in customer service, multi-media art, and training and development. She also held a camp director position while pursuing her undergraduate studies, working with children of various backgrounds. Jasmine has fostered an appreciation for people of all social identities and backgrounds and is committed to enhancing cultural diversity and multicultural relations. Jasmine has recently relocated to Rocky Mount, North Carolina, in April 2022 and is looking forward to her new human resources career in “The Lighthouse District” within the Halifax County School System. Superintendent Dr. Eric Cunningham states, “We are excited to have Ms. Ingram, a part of the team. She will be a great asset to our human resources department”.



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Joann Pearson has accepted the position of Assistant Principal at William R. Davie Middle STEM Academy. Joann Pearson is a native of Halifax County and has lived in Roanoke Rapids her whole life. Mrs. Pearson has been married to Shane Pearson for 23 years, and they have three children, two boys (AJ, 21 & Peyton, 17) and one daughter (Shyann, 13). Mrs. Pearson taught high school history for 22 years

between Northampton County Schools, Roanoke Rapids City Schools, and Halifax County Schools. Mrs. Pearson came to Halifax County Schools in 2019, where she taught American History at Southeast for two years. Mrs. Pearson received her Associate's Degree from Halifax Community College in 1995. She received her Bachelor's degree in History and Secondary Education from NC Wesleyan College in 1998. Additionally, she received a Master's in School Leadership from Grand Canyon University in 2011. She graduated with a Master's in School Administration (*Magna Cum Laude*) from North Carolina Central University on May 7 this year. Mrs. Pearson completed a full-year assistant principal internship with Mr. Brian Biles at William R. Davie Middle STEM Academy during the first semester and second semester with Mr. Jerome Williams at the Halifax County Early College, where she also served as the school's testing coordinator. Mrs. Pearson states, "I am excited to start my new position at William R. Davie Middle STEM Academy." "Mrs. Pearson is an outstanding educational leader who is well equipped to build on the foundation of William R. Davie Middle STEM Academy," stated Dr. Cunningham.



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Halifax County Schools Board of Education has approved Ashley Dozier for the position of Assistant Principal at Enfield Middle STEAM Academy. Ms. Dozier is a native of Edgecombe County. She earned her undergraduate degree in middle grades, with a concentration in English and Social Studies from East Carolina University and her Master’s Degree in School Administration from Barton College. She is also a doctoral candidate specializing in curriculum and instruction at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. Before her role in Halifax County Schools, Ms. Dozier has served as a teacher, literacy coach, and assistant principal. She is passionate about education and is excited to be joining the Enfield Middle STEAM Academy family. Dr. Cunningham states, “Ms. Dozier's enthusiasm and dedication will serve the students and staff well at Enfield Middle STEAM Academy.”