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**Perquimans County Board of Education Names New Superintendent**

(Hertford, NC) - The Perquimans County Board of Education is pleased to announce the selection and appointment of Ms. Tanya Turner as the new Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools. She will take office on May 1, 2019. Turner is currently serving as the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction with Edenton-Chowan Schools.

During the search process, the Perquimans County Board of Education carefully reviewed applications from a diverse field of excellent candidates. Although many qualified candidates applied, the board felt that Turner's experience as a proven and effective instructional leader, communication skills, work ethic, and commitment to student learning would best serve the Perquimans County students, staff, and community for years to come. The Board is confident that she will lead Perquimans County Schools toward even greater instructional growth and academic achievement.

Turner is recognized as an effective and highly regarded instructional leader in the Northeast Region and across the state. Turner began her career in education as a teacher in Perquimans County Schools where she taught fifth grade at Perquimans Central School and then moved on to serve as an instructional facilitator of Perquimans Middle School.

Her first administrative role was with Edenton-Chowan Schools as an Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction at Chowan Middle School. She later moved to a role as the district's Director of Teacher Development and Testing and then on to serving as Principal of Chowan Middle School. As Principal, she led school improvement efforts to move from a school that had not met growth in several years to meeting growth eight out of nine years, with seven of those

years as high growth. Through her leadership, she implemented an organizational restructuring which led to Chowan Middle School being designated A School to Watch in 2010 and was later re-designated in 2013. Through her leadership she dramatically reduced teacher turnover and transformed the school faculty and staff to embrace and execute school decision making through professional learning teams.

In her role as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction with Edenton-Chowan Schools, Turner's knowledge of strong instructional practices and quality teaching has significantly impacted schools across the entire district. As Assistant Superintendent, she led K-12 curriculum initiatives to impact student learning. She has worked closely with school administrators and directors to not only ensure that initiatives are implemented with fidelity across the grade levels, but she has also served as a role model and coach for new and veteran administrators. Through her leadership, instructional growth and accomplishments can be directly attributed to her work and impact on curriculum K-12.

Throughout her career, Turner has often been recognized for her achievements and leadership. She has presented at the SAS Institute for the past three years using EVAAS data to improve school and district performance. Her EVAAS presentations have been recognized at the state level and published on the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's regional website as well as the NC STAR website. Her knowledge and leadership in data driven instruction has afforded her the opportunity to conduct numerous EVAAS trainings across the state for many school districts. Additionally, her awards and accolades include: recognition for successful completion of the National Boards for Principal Standards (2014), Middle Level Administrator to Watch for the North Carolina Eastern Region (2013), Principal of the Year for Edenton-Chowan Schools (2007-2008, 2011-2012), President of the North Carolina Middle School Association (2010-2011). As principal, her school was named a PBIS exemplar school from 2010-2015 and a North Carolina School to Watch (2010, 2013). She has been named the Principal of the Year for the Region 1 Middle School Association (2008), Administrator of the Year for Edenton-Chowan Schools as Assistant Principal (2003-2004), Teacher of the Year for Perquimans County Schools (1995), Teacher of the Year for Perquimans Central School (1995), and Math Teacher of the Year for Perquimans County Schools (1996).

"Serving as the Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools means so much more to me than a promotion, a title, or another step in my career. Perquimans County is my home and this is where I want to be. I am passionate about the possibility of making this district the best in the state," commented Turner. "The strength of any school system lies within its human capital and its effectiveness in impacting student achievement. I have had the opportunity to work with and coach many different employees during my 17 years in leadership roles and believe that I can use this strength to improve all areas of Perquimans County Schools. I am excited to have been selected as the Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools and I look forward to the

challenge of leading leaders, maximizing the potential of each individual, and building relationships that will impact the future of students,” added Turner.

Turner is currently enrolled in the Educational Leadership program at Wingate University completing the requirements for a doctorate degree. She holds a Masters in Supervision and Administration from East Carolina University and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Methodist University. She completed the North Carolina Aspiring Superintendent’s Program in 2017. Turner is a graduate of Perquimans County High School and resides in Perquimans County with her son, Cole Turner. She is a member of Rocky Hock Baptist Church and is an adult Sunday school leader there.

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