



Carol Beckmann-Bartlett

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Carol Beckmann-Bartlett earned her BA in Elementary and Early Childhood Education at Converse College and her Master's in Administration at the Citadel. She completed her doctoral work at Capella University in 2016. As a 26-year veteran of middle-level education, Dr. Bartlett has been a teacher, assistant principal, and principal. She served as principal in two middle schools in Charleston County and then moved into a district office position with the Berkeley County Special Services Office as a coordinator. In 2014, she returned to school-level administration as Principal of Cane Bay Middle School in Summerville, South Carolina.

Schools to be Referenced

Alice Birney/Northwoods Middle – 2007 to 2012

Alice Birney/Northwoods is a large urban middle school in the North Area of Charleston, South Carolina. At the time when Dr. Bartlett served as principal, this long-established school served over 800 students in grades 6–8. The poverty rate during that period was over 90%. The student population was over 85% minority with nearly 15% of the population being English Language Learners.

Cane Bay Middle – 2014 to Present

Cane Bay Middle School (CBMS) is a suburban/rural middle school serving grades 5–8. Situated in one of the fastest growing areas of the Southeast, CBMS opened in 2012. The student population has doubled from just over 450 students to nearly 950 in the five-year history of the school. Currently, the school's poverty index is 43%. The demographics of the school mirror the county: 55% white, 35% African-American, and the remaining 10% represent multiple other racial/ethnic categories.



Kimberly Harrison

Principal, Callahan Middle School, Callahan Florida (Nassau County)

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Kimberly Harrison is currently the Principal of Callahan Middle School (CMS), a rural school in Callahan, Florida. The school serves approximately 765-800 students in 6th–8th grades, and the free and reduced lunch population fluctuates between 46-52%. Over the last three years, the discipline incidents at CMS have significantly decreased with the implementation of a school-wide discipline plan. Having clear rituals and routines for classrooms and the common areas on campus has improved the school culture and climate. Ms. Harrison and her staff have discovered that positively rewarding students with PRIDE tickets to earn rewards has been an effective strategy to motivate students.

Education

University of Florida, Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with a Specialization in Middle Grades Science

Master's Degree in Educational Leadership

Work Experience

Nassau County

2014–Present, Principal at Callahan Middle School

2013–14, Assistant Principal at West Nassau High School

Duval County

2004–2013, Principal in Duval County: Timucuan Elementary, Jacksonville Heights Elementary, Susie E. Tolbert Gifted/Academically Talented Magnet

2000–2004, Vice Principal/ Assistant Principal @ Lake Shore Middle School

1996–2000, 8th grade Science Teacher



Audie Ash

Principal, Taylor County High School, Perry, Florida (Taylor County)

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Mr. Ash earned his BS in History at Lee University and his Master's in Educational Leadership at the University of North Florida. He completed his Ed.S. degree in 2014 through Liberty University and is currently working in their doctoral program. Audie has 19 years of educational experience, 11 years as a classroom teacher, 3 years as a High School Dean, and 5 years as Principal of Taylor County High School (TCHS).

TCHS is located in the rural town of Perry, Florida, and serves approximately 700 students. The school team has worked diligently to improve graduation rates from 64% in 2013-14 to 81%.

TCHS "on campus" dual enrollment opportunities have increased from 3 classes to 10 classes offered. The Career and Technical Education (CTE) program was a single drafting class with 10 students, but currently 220 students are enrolled in a CTE course. The number of industry certifications has had an explosive increase from 4 to 98 students earning an industry certification each year. Biology EOC scores increased from 52% to 77% proficiency, and US History EOC scores increased 30% to 70% proficiency. Additionally, student involvement has seen a drastic increase with student-centered club participation increasing from 5% involvement rates to 52%.



Wesley Underwood

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Wes Underwood is currently completing his 20th year in education. He received his Bachelors of Arts in Middle School Math and Science Education in 1996 from the University of West Florida. Mr. Underwood furthered his education at the University of West Florida by completing a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership in 2006. During his 20-year career, Mr. Underwood has served the Santa Rosa County School District as a middle school mathematics teacher, science teacher, and school technology contact. He worked in intensive remediation by teaching the lowest 25% of students in math, reading, and writing at Holley-Navarre Middle School. He continued his teaching career at Navarre High School by working as

a science teacher and Dean of Student for six years. Mr. Underwood went on to become an Assistant Principal, County Coordinator of Mathematics and Science, and finally, in February of 2016, he became Principal of Hobbs Middle School (HMS).

This is Mr. Underwood's first complete year as principal of HMS, a 6–8 school located in Milton, Florida (a small town in Florida's Northwest Panhandle in Santa Rosa County). HMS has 720 students with 58% receiving free and reduced lunch. The student population is very stable and rarely increases or decreases by more than 20 students. HMS has a large ESE student population—two EBD units and two CBSA units. The school also has advanced curriculum with many honors and advanced classes. Students are able to progress through Algebra and Geometry before entering high school. Last year HMS received a B-rating from the State of Florida.