

## A letter from Superintendent Dr. Carlton Wilson



Dear Pickens County Students, Staff, Parents, and Community Members,

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your Superintendent of schools for Pickens County. Our district serves approximately 4,300 students in grades Pre-K through twelve. We have three elementary schools serving Pre-K through grade 4- Harmony Elementary, Hill City Elementary, and Tate Elementary; one middle school- Jasper Middle School which houses grades 5 and 6; Pickens Junior High which serves grades 7 and 8; and Pickens High School provides for grades 9 through 12.

It has been a busy summer! We are wrapping up many projects throughout the district in preparation of welcoming you to what promises to be another outstanding school year. The beginning of school is always a time filled with magic and wonder, one that brings many emotions to the forefront- our youngest children will be entering a school for the first time, school grade level configurations have changed thus transitioning some students to new buildings, and our

seniors will be embracing their final year of high school, looking ahead to plans for their next steps beyond the doors of PHS.

Our focus will continue to be the children and families we serve. They are why we do all that we do each day. Our schools will be safe places children can come to learn skills which will allow them to achieve all the great things they are capable of dreaming and doing. We believe all students can learn and are committed to providing learning environments that promote this belief by holding students to high expectations, allowing opportunities for creativity, and engaging students in meaningful work. We want learning to be fun!

The phrase, "it takes a village" is certainly true when it comes to educating our students. Our goal is to build and strengthen a collaborative atmosphere, dedicated to always working in the best interest of our students. It takes more than our teachers, staff, and administrators to accomplish this - we need you as a partner for our District to continue the work in reaching our shared goal of excellence for our students and community.

We continue to be grateful for having a school board who makes decisions based on the best interest of children. It is their leadership and resolve that allows us to continue providing better tomorrows for our children.

As your superintendent, I welcome your thoughts and ideas. I am excited about the new year and I hope you are too!

Sincerely,

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