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## Lancaster County School District names 4 finalists in Superintendent search

On Wednesday, March 18, the Lancaster County School District named four finalists in its search for a new superintendent. The finalists are Dr. Tanya Campbell, Dr. Marty Conner, Dr. Rickey Edmond, and Interim Superintendent Dr. Norris Williams.



Dr. Tanya Campbell

Dr. Campbell currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Student Services in Fairfield County School District. She brings extensive experience across multiple areas of district and school leadership, including previous roles as a consultant in the Office of Federal and State Programs for Richland One School District, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources in Rock Hill School District, and as a principal, assistant principal, and classroom teacher. Dr. Campbell holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a Master of Education in Educational Administration from Winthrop University. She also earned an Education Specialist degree in Educational Administration and a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from South Carolina State University.



Dr. Marty S. Conner, Sr.

Dr. Conner currently serves as Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Student Development for Rock Hill School District Three, where he oversees all 24 district schools and seven departments. Dr. Conner, a 22 year resident of Lancaster County, has over 26 years of experience in district and school leadership, having served as Deputy



Dr. Rickey Edmond



Dr. Norris Williams

Superintendent, Executive Director of Schools, Executive Director of Alternative Learning, Principal, Assistant Principal, and classroom teacher and coach. Dr. Conner has worked in Rock Hill School District Three, Fort Mill School District, Orangeburg County Consolidated School District Three, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Hampton City Schools, and Suffolk Public Schools. He earned his Ed.D. and Ed.S. from South Carolina State University, his M.A. from The George Washington University, and his B.S. from

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## Andrew Jackson Middle School Choirs Perform at Carowinds!



Congratulations to the "Orange" and "Blue" Choruses for great performances at the Carowinds Festival of Music on Friday, March 20. The 6th-8th Blue Chorus received an Excellent+ rating, and the Orange Chorus received a Superior rating.

## Discovery of Human Remains

Last Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at about 3:45 p. m., the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office was notified of the discovery of skeletal remains in a wooded area off Bethel Road in the southwestern area of Lancaster County. The remains were discovered by a member of a utility crew working in the area. Sheriff's deputies, investigators, crime scene investigators, and members of the Lancaster County Coroner's Office responded to the scene. Searches of the area were conducted last Wednesday and on subsequent days since. Foothills Search & Rescue from the upstate of South Carolina provided K-9 assistance for the search on two days.

The search of the area was suspended Monday afternoon. Several bones and other items of evidence were scattered over an area of about 100 yards and have been recovered. These items are being examined by a forensic anthropologist with the Richland County Coroner's Office. The remains have been confirmed to be human. The identity of the person has not been determined. The manner and cause of the person's death have not been determined. It is evident that the person's death did not occur recently and that the remains have been exposed to the elements for a period of time likely measured in years. There is no known public safety threat to area residents.

"We are working diligently to determine the identity of the person found," said Sheriff Barry Faile. "This is a team investigation involving the sheriff's office, the Lancaster County Coroner's Office, the Forensic Anthropology Division of the Richland County Coroner's Office, and Foothills Search & Rescue. We hope examination of the remains by the anthropologist and the coroner will provide information leading to the identity of this person which is always a



first step in determining when, where, and how the person died. I encourage anyone with any information about this discovery to contact the sheriff's office."

Update March 20, 2026

On November 13, 2024, human skeletal remains were found by a utility worker in a wooded area off Bethel Road in southwestern Lancaster County. The remains have not been identified. Although it is unclear when the remains were first at the site, it was obvious the remains had been there for quite some time. Lancaster County Coroner Karla Deese enlisted the assistance of Dr. Bill Stevens, forensic anthropologist with the Richland County Coroner's Office, to attempt to identify the remains. She also reached out to Parabon NanoLabs, Inc., a company that conducts genetic genealogy testing and DNA phenotyping to develop a profile of the person represented by the remains to include ancestry, kinships, and physical appearance.

Based upon the testing done on the remains so far, the deceased person is believed to be a male likely around 25 years old

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Bethune Water Tower has been cleaned up and painted!!!

## AJ VS NORTH CENTRAL GIRLS SOFTBALL



AJ #26 Madison Hornsby catches the pop up for an out for The Lady Vols.....AJ GIRLS WIN 2-1 (photo by Gwynn Leaird)



**Kershaw Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet**  
Tuesday, March 31st at 6 PM  
at the Kershaw Country Club  
301 Club House Dr., Kershaw, SC 29067  
Call Sheila Hinson (803) 243-0195 or Kelley Boone (803) 427-3838 about tickets.

**Glen Ward - Motivational Speaker**  
Semi-Formal Dress Code