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Objective: To provide leadership as an elementary principal and create a welcoming and inclusive learning environment where rigorous instruction and support for all students is part of a collaborative, high performance culture that is supported by school staff, students, parents and the community.

Education

- Florida Atlantic University, Master of Science in Educational Leadership December 2003
- Florida Atlantic University, Bachelor of Arts in Communication January 1996

Educational Leadership and Administrative Experience

Principal, West Community Elementary School , School District of Palm Beach County May 2026- Current

- Lead the development and opening of a new elementary school in Westlake, with a planned opening in August 2027.
- Provide leadership throughout the initial phases of school construction, including collaboration with district departments, architects, contractors, and community partners.
- Develop the school's vision, mission, culture, core values, and identity before the school opens.
- Build relationships with Westlake residents, families, community leaders, business partners, and local organizations.
- Lead planning for school staffing, recruitment,, and the development of a positive school culture
- Develop procedures and systems for safety, security, student services, transportation, food service, technology, facilities, and daily school operations.
- Plan for instructional programs, curriculum, student supports, special education, and enrichment opportunities.
- Establish parent and community organizations and create opportunities for families to help shape the new school.
- Develop the school brand, mascot, colors, traditions, and community identity.
- Coordinate school opening logistics, including furniture, equipment, technology, instructional materials, signage, etc
- Collaborate with district leadership and community stakeholders to ensure the new school meets the needs of a growing community.
- Develop enrollment, marketing, and community outreach strategies to introduce the new school and build excitement for its opening.

Principal, Acreage Pines Elementary, School District of Palm Beach County

July 2016-May 2026

- Build productive relationships with families and school stakeholders
- Implemented new Service Learning and Leadership Academy Choice Program
- Implemented the house system based on the Ron Clark Academy
- Oversaw large construction project and retrofit as supported by the penny sales tax
- Increased enrollment by 20% since becoming the school principal
- Performs a myriad of human resources tasks including hiring, training, payroll, record keeping, compliance, and discipline in accordance with state and federal law, district policy and union contracts
- Manages the school budget from a variety of funding sources and ensured the resources were maximized for student success and wellness
- Formed business partnerships to grow our school choice program focusing on biomedical, veterinary, and wellness
- Secured community and partner funding to open a student nature trail with areas for reflection and outdoor classroom space
- Implements all district policies
- Served as the curriculum leader in the building
- Provides meaningful professional development, observation and staff feedback to ensure that all staff have the opportunity to excel and grow as professionals
- Modeled positive interpersonal skills for school staff to promote an inclusive and welcoming culture throughout campus
- Navigated issues related to COVID-19 pandemic, including revising curriculum and providing internet access to ensure students received the support necessary to remain engaged academically while sheltering-in-place.
- Addressed current educational issues and applied best practices while directing professional development and instructional leadership; increased instructional focus with staff through comprehensive feedback and evaluation

Assistant Principal, Acreage Pines Elementary, School District of Palm Beach County**July 2015-June 2016**

Assistant principal of a suburban elementary school that has a history of academic excellence and is a Marzano Demonstration School and a Biomedical and Veterinary Choice Program.

- Facilitated a high performance culture by leading both grade PLCs that focused on delivering rigorous standards based instruction to all students using high yield strategies
- Lead Professional Growth Groups (multi-grade learning communities) focused on providing a system of specific support and feedback to assist teachers in their professional growth
- Used data to target subgroups and identify learning gaps to develop curriculum to be used in after-school tutorial programs
- Analyzed available resources to select an adaptive technology program to remediate and enrich students and facilitate an individualized learning program
- Lead the school choice committee to provide consistent programming embedded throughout the curriculum, this resulted in a 20% growth in choice applications for the 2017 school year
- Utilized iObservation and classroom walk-throughs as both an evaluation instrument and a tool to provide targeted feedback to teachers
- Facilitated multilevel programs with local middle and high schools to foster collaboration and inspire students to begin thinking about high school graduation
- Created a parent coaching academy to inform parents of the instructional framework and to empower them to assist their students in the home
- Revised the safety plan protocol and conducted drills with the local agencies
- Used the 10 day count to make staffing changes and aligned those changes to the needs of the school
- Hired employees and provided new employees with orientation and support to increase the likelihood of their success
- Led instructional rounds for visiting district administrators, principals and teachers to support professional growth of educators beyond Acreage Pines
- Contacted local businesses to form partnerships resulting in a 200% increase in business partners

Intern Principal/Assistant Principal, Coral Spring Middle School, Broward County Schools**March 2008-July 2015**

Assistant Principal/Intern Principal of an A rated urban Title I school that had an enrollment of 1800 students. The school received over 500 students under the NCLB choice option.

- As Intern Principal, Co-chaired the Assistant Principal Council which disseminated information and planned for and provided monthly professional development for all middle school Assistant Principals
- As AP over reading curriculum, worked with reading coach to show consistent gains in proficiency and learning gains for the bottom quartile for all 3 years of the FCAT 2.0 assessment
- Mentored new and aspiring Assistant Principals providing both one on one support and presentations at quarterly meetings
- Completed the entire leadership continuum training progression
- Attended district budget conference to plan to utilize resources in a manner most impactful on student achievement
- Created the Pick 6 program to identify, mentor and monitor students most at risk in grades 6-8. This program resulted in a 22% decrease in referrals and 4% increase in scale scores for identified students
- Served on Innovation Zone committees to foster collaboration and plan events for all schools within the feeder pattern
- Served on the committee to identify marketing strategies to increase public school enrollment and retain students in areas losing numbers to charter and private institutions.
- Oversaw compliance with state class-size mandates by creating the master schedule and monitoring data and enrollment
- Oversaw the Reading and Social Studies Curriculum Departments, implementing EOC exam rollouts and state mandated careers curriculum
- Attended state training and trained all department chairs on rollout of Florida Standards, created Florida Standards implementation plan and monitored for implementation
- Utilized data to plan a master schedule and place students according to academic need
- Conducted parent and student meetings for incoming 6th grades and matriculating 8th graders to ensure smooth transitions

- Served on committee to plan annual Principal Showcase for all district principals
- Ensured that district mandated trainings were completed for compliance each year and maintained records of completion
- As facilities contact, oversaw and attended construction and planning meeting for construction of new gymnasium and installation of single point of entry barriers
- Attended City of Coral Springs meetings as part of the City Coalition of Principals

Teacher/Acting Assistant Principal, Falcon Cove Middle School, Broward County Schools August 2001-March 2008

Teacher, Department Chair and Acting Assistant Principal for the largest middle school in Broward County, an "A" rated school with an enrollment of over 2100 students.

- Served as 6th grade Assistant Principal
- Served as School Advisory Chairperson
- Oversaw the schools transportation including more than 40 morning and afternoon busses
- Served as Social Studies Department Chair
- Served as co-chair of the committee to implement a school-wide unified dress code
- Served as New Educator Support Coach and created induction programs to orientate new staff
- Worked with stakeholders to foster relationships and hold a community health fair
- Implemented an afterschool Math enrichment program in cooperation with the feeder high school to provide after-school enrichment for students taking high level Math course
- Implemented an afterschool tutoring program targeting the bottom quartile students
- Presented at the Sun-Sentinel Family Literacy Night

Additional Experiences/Accolades

- Selected to serve on state panel to assess equity on new FELE examination
- Served on Cognia team to certify accreditation for schools across the state
- Palm Beach County Schools Outstanding Sustainability Administrators Award
- Mentor/Presenter for Year One Principals- Palm Beach Schools
- Presenter Principal Leadership Academy-Palm Beach Schools
- Selected to attend the National Holocaust Museum Educator Workshop in Washington DC
- Served as a guest lecturer for the college of education at FAU to provide insight to future teachers taking Exceptional Education course work
- Selected to attend the Colonial Williamsburg Teaching Institute as part of the Teaching American History Grant
- Attended the PEAK Parent Institute for Inclusive Education in Denver Colorado
- Hosted a breakout session at the Florida ESE Educators Summer Conference
- Presenter for National conference on defining instructional vision and the work of leading a demonstration/model school of rigor