



Dr. Anthony D. Jackson

Anthony D. Jackson, Ed.D, Superintendent of the Vance County School System in Henderson, NC, serves at the helm of 17 schools educating 6,229 students, with 1,000 employees. Prior to coming to Vance County Schools, Anthony served for 4 years as the Superintendent for Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools and 3 years as division Superintendent of the Henry County Public School System located in Collinsville, Virginia.

Dr. Jackson's career in public education spans 28-years and began as a teacher's assistant, and has matriculated through the public school ranks as a music teacher, assistant principal, principal, and various central office administrative posts in several Virginia and North Carolina districts. Prior to returning to North Carolina, Dr. Jackson worked as the principal and Chief Administrative Officer of the Arts and Technology Academy Public Charter School (ATA), a highly successful public charter school in Washington, DC. He also served as a Regional Vice President for Curriculum and Instruction with a charter school management company.

Since his arrival in Vance County, student achievement has improved positively. The district once designated a low-performing district has now improved performance enough that the designation was removed. The district currently boasts its first A+ School and several schools have improved their performance as defined by the state accountability system. The graduation rate increased from 77.6% to 81.9% and the dropout rate fell to 2.02% from a five year high of 5.25%. The district is currently implementing a full scale digital transformation – training all staff to implement blended learning strategies in classrooms. The Welnspire initiative is being funded by a \$200,000 Golden Leaf grant and a special appropriation of \$400,000, from the Vance County Board of Commissioners.

Under Jackson's leadership, the district has implemented several innovative instructional programs including the Youth Empowerment Academy for at-risk middle school students, the AdVance Academy, a program that provides both credit recovery and credit acceleration opportunities for high school students, and the Vance Evening Academy, a program for at-risk high school students that serves as an alternative to long-term suspension.

The district opened its first Restart school in July 2017. E. M. Rollins STEAM Academy is Vance County's first themed schools and its only year-round school. Additionally, Jackson, and his team, has led the districts implementation of Opportunity Culture strategies in six elementary schools, the AVID program at the middle school level, World Languages for elementary students, restored music and fine arts programs at the elementary and middle school levels and developed a partnership the Wake Forest Orchestra Foundation that led to the start of the Vance County String Orchestra program at four of the elementary schools.

In 2013-2014, Dr. Jackson was named the N. C. Central Region's Superintendent of the Year. Jackson is 2017 recipient of the prestigious Friday Medal for his leadership with implementing technological innovation in school systems in North Carolina given annually by the Friday Institute for Innovation at North Carolina State University.

Dr. Jackson has a Bachelor of Science degree in music education from East Carolina University, a master's degree in educational leadership from N. C. Central University and a doctorate degree in education from Walden University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He serves on the boards of the local Economic Development Commission and the Vance County Public Schools Foundation. Jackson holds membership in many professional and civic organizations including Rotary International and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Dr. Jackson is married to Dr. Tawannah Allen-Jackson, a professor of educational leadership at High Point University. He has two adult children and one grandchild. He enjoys singing, playing the piano, listening to jazz, fitness, traveling and spending time with his family.