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Dr. Rodney Peterson
Superintendent, Person County Schools
2026 Burroughs Wellcome Fund A. Craig Phillips North Carolina
Superintendent of the Year



Dr. Rodney Peterson is the Superintendent of Person County Schools, where he leads with a student-centered vision and commitment to high-quality education. Serving in public education for three decades, Dr. Peterson has held roles as a classroom teacher, school administrator, and district leader, bringing deep experience and a collaborative approach to his work. Under his leadership, Person County Schools has expanded innovative programs, strengthened community partnerships, and advanced student achievement across the district. In 2025 he was named Central Carolina Regional Superintendent of the Year, and in 2026 he was honored as the Burroughs Wellcome Fund A. Craig Phillips North Carolina Superintendent of the Year, a prestigious state award recognizing his impact and leadership among his peers.