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Dr. Steven W. Flynt named Chief Academic Officer

As part of a summer restructuring of **Gwinnett County Public Schools**, CEO/Superintendent J. Alvin Wilbanks appointed **Dr. Steven W. Flynt**, former principal of Peachtree Ridge High who recently joined the Central Office as an Area Superintendent, as **Chief Academic Officer**.

The creation of the Chief Academic Officer position is key to the district's organizational structure as this person will lead the Division of Teaching and Learning, the division that works directly with schools, supporting teaching and learning and school improvement initiatives.

"Dr. Flynt is a proven leader who is passionate about teaching and learning," says Superintendent Wilbanks. "I have been impressed with Dr. Flynt's work in each position he has previously held and have every confidence he will succeed in his new role, moving the organization toward our vision of a system of world-class schools."

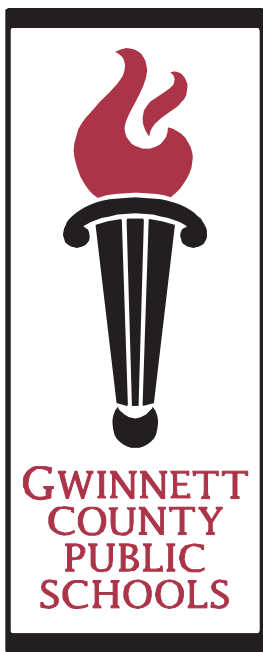
Flynt looks forward to serving as Chief Academic Officer for the state's largest school system. He explains, "Gwinnett County Public Schools is an outstanding school district... one that has allowed me numerous opportunities to grow professionally. I look forward to working with our principals and other system leaders as we focus on increasing academic achievement and helping all students reach their potential."

Dr. Steven W. Flynt, Chief Academic Officer

Dr. Flynt began his career in education in 1993 as a science teacher at Miller Grove Junior High in DeKalb County Public Schools. He joined Gwinnett County Public Schools in 1994 as a science teacher at Dacula High and Phoenix High. While at Dacula, he also served as a department chair and administrative assistant prior to being named an assistant principal in 2002. In January of 2006 Dr. Flynt became the principal of Peachtree Ridge High.



Having earned an Associate of Arts in Education at Young Harris College, he went on to receive a bachelor's degree in Biology from Lees-McRae College in North Carolina. Having earned a master's degree in Science Education from Piedmont College, he went on to complete his doctorate in Educational Leadership at the University of Georgia.



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More on the Division of Teaching and Learning...

The Division of Teaching and Learning includes the following departments: Curriculum and Instruction, Special Education & Psychological Services, Accountability and Assessment, Academic Support Services, Advisement and Counseling, GCPS Foundation, Planning and Enrollment Forecasting, Research and Evaluation, Safety and Security, and School Nutrition.

Dr. Flynt's team, which is focused on supporting and leading teaching and learning in the school district, will include Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning **Dale Robbins**, Associate Superintendent for Academic Support **Bobby Crowson**, and the system's Area Superintendents—**Delores Hendrix**, **Dr. Gale Hey**, **Jean Walker**, and **Calvin Watts**. (A fifth Area Superintendent will be appointed in the coming weeks to fill the position vacated by Dr. Flynt.)