

Kornegay taps school improvement expert for new Chief of Transformation role

Emily Weiskopf, Ed.D., will start on March 20, pending School Board approval on Feb. 27

TAVARES -- Transitional Superintendent Diane Kornegay has created a new Chief of Transformation role and tapped school improvement expert Emily D. Weiskopf, Ed.D., to fill the position starting March 20, pending School Board approval on Feb. 27.

This new role replaces the Chief of Administration position, which is being eliminated.

Dr. Weiskopf has been Director of School Improvement, Professional Development and Assessment at the School District of Clay County since 2013. As such, she provides leadership and direction in school improvement based on federal, state and district guidelines, including developing and monitoring the annual District Improvement Plan and all school improvement planning. She is responsible for executing plans to address inequities in academic performance, which led to the creation of an acceleration academy at a local junior high school.

In her new role, Dr. Weiskopf will collaborate with Chief Officers, district staff, school leaders and teachers regarding curriculum, instruction, all elements of school improvement and the recruitment, selection, orientation and professional development of staff. She will assume the lead role in developing a results-oriented environment that is student focused with an emphasis on student learning and performance. She will provide leadership that supports the district's overall academic performance strategy while ensuring that all administrators throughout the organization function as an integrated team.

Dr. Weiskopf began her education career as a first- and second-grade teacher in South Carolina. She later became an instructional resource / third-grade teacher in Colorado, overseeing all curriculum and instruction implementation at the school level. She moved on to roles with progressive levels of responsibility including instructional specialist, principal and national school improvement consultant before assuming her current position in Clay County. She holds a doctorate of Educational Leadership from St. Louis University.

The addition of the Chief of Transformation role is the second change to the Superintendent's Executive Cabinet announced this week by Kornegay, who will become the district's next

Superintendent on March 11. She has also recommended Chad Farnsworth, former Bradford County Superintendent, for the Chief of Staff position.

With Dr. Weiskopf's arrival, Chief of Administration Marilyn Doyle, Ed.D., will transition into the role of Administrator on Special Assignment through June 30. In this position, Dr. Doyle will interact with parents, outside agencies, businesses and the community to enhance the understanding of district initiatives and priorities. She will also direct the development, implementation and monitoring of procedures and policies to ensure student safety and assist in resolving problems appealed above the principal level.