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New WO-C Administrative Leaders strengthen campuses, departments, & District

New principals, coordinators, and directors have taken the lead at three campuses and one department within the West Orange – Cove School System.

“We are excited about our additions to the WOCCISD Leadership Team. I am very pleased that we are able to promote people within the District to our leadership. Each year, we become stronger with our new appointments,” James Colbert, WOCCISD Superintendent, said.

At West Orange – Stark Elementary School, new principal Dr. Tyrus Doctor has been working with his campus leadership since July to further enhance the elementary school’s programs and systems.

He has a Doctorate Degree in Education Leadership, Master’s Degree in Educational Administration and a Bachelor’s in Community Service. Additionally, he is a certified principal and special education instructor.

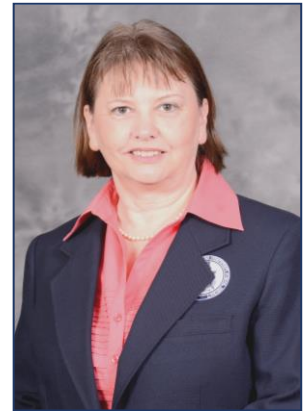
“West Orange – Stark Elementary School will be a place of commitment and growth, as we work together towards our goal of excellence in every area within our school,” Dr. Doctor said.

Dr. Doctor has been an educator for 14 years serving most recently in the Port Arthur school system as an Academic Associate Principal.



*Dr. Tyrus Doctor
Principal
WO-S Elementary*

Sherry Hardin is the new principal at North Early Learning Center. Last year, she served at West Orange – Stark Middle School as an assistant principal. Prior to that Hardin taught in fourth, fifth, and sixth grade core content subject areas in other school systems. She holds Master’s degrees in Education and Business Administration, as well as a principal certification and a teacher certification for prekindergarten through grade eight.



*Sherry Hardin
Principal
North Early Learning
Center*

Hardin’s primary goals as the principal of North Early Learning Center are to ensure every child receives a rigorous age appropriate educational experience, support families in the community through family services, and to increase parent and community engagement in the educational process.



*Beverly Robinson
Coordinator
WO-S Academic
Alternative Center*

Beverly Robinson is the new coordinator of the West Orange – Stark Academic Alternative Center. She holds a Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership, as well as a Principal’s certification. She has been an educator for 28 years; ten of those years within the WOCCISD school system.

“It is a privilege to serve my hometown and alma mater in a leadership role in the District. I was given an outstanding foundation in WOCCISD and I want to give back to my community as a leader in education,” she said.

Robinson said the structured environment of the AAC will provide students the chance to catch up on academics, learn from mistakes, and make better decisions.

Lynda Willie became the WOCCISD’s Transportation Director in the spring of 2014. She holds a Master’s degree in Educational Administration and has been in the WOC school system since 2010, serving as an administrator at West Orange – Stark High School.

Her goals are for WOC transportation staff to serve as examples of professionalism, safety, and a positive image for the District.



*Lynda Willie
Director
Transportation*

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