



**Gwinnett County  
Board of Education**

**Dr. Tarece Johnson**  
2022 Chairperson  
District V

**Steven B. Knudsen**  
2022 Vice Chair  
District II

**Karen Watkins**  
District I

**Dr. Mary Kay Murphy**  
District III

**Everton Blair, Jr.**  
District IV

**Dr. Calvin J. Watts**  
Superintendent

**The Mission of  
Gwinnett County  
Public Schools**

*is to pursue excellence  
in academic knowledge,  
skills, and behavior  
for each student,  
resulting in measured  
improvement against  
local, national, and  
world-class standards.*

437 Old Peachtree Road, NW  
Suwanee, GA 30024-2978  
678-301-6000  
[www.gcpsk12.org](http://www.gcpsk12.org)

It is the policy of Gwinnett County Public Schools  
not to discriminate on the basis of race, sex,  
religion, national origin, age, or disability in any  
employment practice, educational program,  
or any other program, activity, or service.



Gwinnett County Public Schools is a  
Learning 2025 Demonstration District.

May 23, 2022

**Dear Woodward Mill Elementary Families and Community,**

I am humbled and honored to introduce myself as the new principal of Woodward Mill Elementary School and join this excellent school community starting June 1, 2022. I can assure you that I share our school community's dedication to caring for each and every student while providing them with a meaningful learning environment. I believe this will be an amazing journey as I am dedicated to continuing the tradition of **"Expecting Excellence in Everything"** associated with Woodward Mill Elementary School and the Mountain View Cluster.

The 2022-2023 school year will mark my 25th year in education. I have previously taught at the elementary and collegiate levels as well as served as an Assistant Principal at the elementary and middle school levels. Serving at Woodward Mill feels like I am coming home! Elementary is my passion.

Although I am an educator, I am also a Mom. My husband and I have two daughters: one in college and one attending Peachtree Ridge High School. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, traveling, and learning new things.

I firmly believe that every child can exceed and that the cooperation between home and school builds trust and self-esteem in students while meeting their social, emotional, and instructional needs. Most of all, I want to relay that I am committed to building lasting and collaborative relationships with our students, parents, and school community. I look forward to partnering with you in your child's education and I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you and your children.

To our students, I hope that you are excited about this coming school year. It will be a meaningful and fun year, and we will be learning together to achieve the highest accomplishments. If you are attending summer learning, I look forward to working with you this summer!

To conclude, I sincerely welcome your input, conversation, and engagement in our school community. Let us keep our students the primary focus of our work. I can't wait to celebrate our collective successes during the 2022-23 school year.

Enjoy the final days of the school year. I look forward to seeing you next school year!

Sincerely,

**Dr. Sonya Brown**  
Principal

