

Dr. Patrice Faison – Carver Heights Elementary Principal

Dr. Patrice Faison has over 22 years of experience in North Carolina public education. Dr. Faison began her career in 1995 as an elementary teacher in Stokesdale, N.C. In 2006 she transitioned out of the classroom to a middle college liaison role at North Carolina A&T University. The following year she entered school administration as a high school assistant principal in Jamestown, N.C. Less than a year later, she was named principal of the Academy at Smith in Greensboro, N.C.

In 2010, Dr. Faison was named principal of Oak Hill Elementary School in High Point, N.C. It is worth noting in 2012 Dr. Faison was named the 2012-2013 North Carolina Principal of the Year for her school turnaround success at Oak Hill Elementary. As the North Carolina Principal of the Year, she joined the National Distinguished Principal Class of 2012.

From 2012–2017, Dr. Faison served as the principal of Page High School, Guilford County Schools' second largest high school with approximately 2,000 students. During this time, the school exceeded expected student growth by increasing rigor in the classroom. Dr. Faison also helped to cultivate opportunities to improve student and staff leadership. In 2018, she was named superintendent of Thomasville City Schools. She served in this role for one year.

Dr. Faison holds multiple education and administrative degrees, is a published author, and was a National Board Certified teacher. Professionally, she has served in several advisory council roles, including the School of Education Advisory Council High Point University, North Carolina A&T University, and most recently the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Dr. Terri Cobb - Carver Heights Elementary School Improvement Grant Coordinator

Dr. Terri Cobb has approximately 40 years of experience in North Carolina public education. Dr. Cobb began her education career in 1978 as a teacher with Wilson County Schools. Over the next 17 years, Dr. Cobb served as a school counselor, an assistant principal, and principal with Wilson County Schools. As a school administrator, she led increased student achievement at all schools. In 1995, Dr. Cobb was recruited by Pitt County Schools, where she served as the K-5 Program Director and principal of South Greenville Elementary.

In 1999, Dr. Cobb was named principal of Lockhart Elementary School in with Wake County Schools. During this time, the school was ranked among the Top 25 *Most Improved* schools in North Carolina and was named a *National Title I School for Sustained Growth*. Over the next seven years, she was promoted to Senior Director in the Office of Continuous Improvement and Professional Development and later Chief of Staff for the Wake County Public School System. In 2012, Dr. Cobb was named superintendent of Pender County Schools. During this time, Pender County Schools was able to surpass the State and Region in student performance. It was also listed among the top tier districts for student achievement in 2017. Dr. Cobb retired as superintendent in 2017.

Dr. Cobb holds multiple education and administrative degrees and currently serves as a Teaching Assistant Professor at East Carolina University.