

## ***Melanie Pearch***

### **Educational Experience:**

August 2002-  
present

#### **Principal Dekalb County School District**

Cary Reynolds Elementary (2002-2012), Woodward Elementary (2012-2016), Kingsley Elementary (2016-present)

- Lead and monitor the standards-based instructional program
- Evaluate more than 100 certified and non-certified staff members
- Implement school system policies and directives of the Superintendent
- Administer annual budget exceeding \$500,000
- Maintain a safe and orderly learning environment
- Plan and conduct parent meetings, including monthly parent workshops in Spanish
- Create and conduct data-driven professional learning sessions
- Prepare local, state, and federal reports
- Establish and maintain business and community partnerships
- Allocate resources to maximize student learning
- Serve as chairperson of Building Leadership Team
- Oversee and supervise all school related activities
- Present at New Principal Academies, Summer Leadership Conference, and other local and national conferences
- Serve on other county-wide committees as requested
- Create and conduct cluster parent and teacher conferences

July 2001-August  
2002

#### **Assistant Principal Dekalb County School District**

Cary Reynolds Elementary School

October 1994 –  
July 2001

#### **Spanish Teacher Dekalb County School District**

Stephenson High School, Redan High School

October 2000 –  
July 2002

#### **Adjunct Spanish Professor Georgia State University, Mercer University**

- Taught adult classes at various levels of Spanish
- Designed a Spanish curriculum for all branches of the Division of Continuing Education for Georgia State University

Educational Travel  
Highlights:

June – August  
1997

#### **Group Leader Experiment in International Living, World Learning**

- Led fourteen students throughout Mexico
- Created itinerary for cultural excursions, coordinated daily activities for community service projects, and administered group budget

June/July-2002,  
2001, 1999, 1998,  
1996, 1995

### **Amerispan Language Program**

**Puerto Rico, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Venezuela, Ecuador, Costa Rica**

- Experienced the Latin American culture through living with a native family, travel, and daily classroom instruction.

### **Education:**

Georgia State University Atlanta, Georgia

Master of Education Major: Administration and Supervision

University of Rhode Island Kingston, Rhode Island

Bachelor of Science Major: Education/ Spanish

### **School Honors/ Professional Highlights:**

- Pilot for Center for Latino Achievement and Success in Education (CLASE)-2003
- Junior Achievement Georgia School of the Year- 2004
- Georgia Department of Education Outstanding Achievement School- 2004
- Title I Distinguished School 2006, 2010
- Georgia State University Professional Development School- 2004-2009
- Superintendent's Excellence in Parental Involvement Award- 2011
- Regional Principal of the Year- 2014
- Title I High Progress School- 2014
- Winner of Georgia United Credit Union "School Crashers" Makeover- 2015
- Named Georgia Family Friendly School by Georgia Department of Education- 2016
- Recognized by Georgia Department of Education as Beating the Odds - 2017
- National Choose to Be Nice School- 2018
- STEAM Certified School- 2019

### **Professional Presentations**

- "Turnaround Schools"  
- Emory Public Interest Conference (EPIC)- Emory University-October 2010
- "Innovative Ways to Involve Spanish Speaking Parents"  
-ASCD Annual National Conference- San Antonio, Texas-March 2010, San Francisco, California-March 2011, Anaheim, California-March 2017, Boston, Massachusetts-March, 2018  
-National Youth at Risk Annual Conference-Savannah, Georgia-March 2015  
-Georgia Family Engagement Conference-Athens, Georgia- February 2016  
-Gwinnett County Schools- Buford, Georgia-May 2016  
-Georgia Education Leadership Institute- Atlanta, Georgia-September 2017  
-Indiana Youth Institute Because Kids Count- Indianapolis, Indiana- November 2017
- "Building School Capacity"  
- DeKalb Summer Leadership Conference-Lithonia, Georgia- July 2014  
-Kennesaw State University ESOL Conference- Kennesaw, Georgia- February 2015  
-University of Georgia Principal Residency Program- Athens, Georgia- May 2017
- "From Failing to Flourishing"- ASCD Annual National Conference- Chicago, Illinois- March 2019