

Human Resources Board Report

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Recommendations for Personnel Appointments

LOCATION	EMPLOYEE	POSITION
Central Office	Celeta Thomas-Watson	Director of Partnerships, Programs, and Engagement
Dr. Celeta Thomas-Watson is an accomplished, dynamic, and seasoned professional with a solid district and school experience with national grant writing, executive leadership, and professional learning. She is a visionary leader with the creative and insightful ability to formulate innovative ideas and processes to achieve district organizational goals while overcoming academic, fiscal, and growth challenges. With a wealth of academic achievements, Dr. Thomas-Watson earned her Doctor of Education in Administration and Management from Liberty University. Her academic journey also includes a Master of Science in Education from Walden University, specializing in Curriculum and Instruction, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Savannah State College. Continuing her pursuit of excellence, Dr. Thomas-Watson holds two Specialist of Education degrees from Nova Southeastern University and completed certifications in Superintendent Leadership and Clinical Coaching Education Trainer, Evaluation. Driven by an unwavering commitment to the principles of teaching and learning, Dr. Thomas-Watson approaches every endeavor with a focus on achieving excellence and purposeful outcomes. She previously worked as the Director of Education for the Georgia Aquarium where she successfully wrote and sustained a \$5.5M SEA (Sponsored Education) grant for Title I schools. As the Superintendent of Dooly County Schools, Dr. Thomas-Watson developed and managed a \$11.5M annual budget. Presently, she serves as the Senior Director of School Improvement Services for Cognia where she has assisted in efforts to move two of her assigned schools from the CSI list by creating and designing the office of school turnaround and strategic planning efforts. In this role, she wrote and won over 2.5 million dollars in grant funding to support customized professional learning experiences for educators. Through her dedication to educational excellence and her passion for fostering positive change, Dr. Thomas-Watson continues to inspire and empower individuals within the educational sphere, leaving an indelible mark on the field of instructional leadership.		