

## **Recommendations for New Members to the NC Governor's School Board of Governors**

NCDPI recommends that the following highly qualified and engaged educators be appointed to the NC Governor's School Board of Governor's to represent the best interests of the students of North Carolina and the future of the North Carolina Governor's School.

### **Dr. Eisa M. Cox - Ashe County Schools, Northwest Region**

An innovative award-winning educator with a track record of success in diverse K-12 educational settings. Dr. Cox currently serves as the Superintendent of Ashe County Schools, prior to this role she served as the Executive Director of Secondary Education for the Rowan-Salisbury School System. She has also served as an assistant principal and as a middle school and high school science teacher.

She also has expertise in strategic planning, curriculum development, data analysis and technology integration. She is highly skilled in building capacity through PLCs, data meetings and professional development focused on leadership, literacy and student engagement. She has proven to be proactive in policy monitoring and implementing data-driven best practices. She works to build partnerships to support district and community vision. She is a firm believer in the power of people and ensuring every child receives a high-quality education to pursue personal life goals.

Dr. Eisa Cox is extremely well qualified to serve on the Governor's School Board of Governors and her vision and expertise will help lead the program to a brighter future. *Dr. Cox will fulfill the requirement of a Superintendent on the Board.*

### **Laura L. Parrott, Durham Public Schools, North Central**

A gifted and passionate educator, Laura Parrott brings a wealth of experience in advanced learning and gifted education. Ms. Parrott currently serves as the Director of Advanced Academics for Durham Public Schools. Prior to this role, she served as the District Coordinator of Advanced Academics, also for Durham Public Schools. She has also served as the District Director for Academically and/or Intellectually Gifted, Performing and Visual Arts, and High School Advancement via Individual Determination in the Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools. Ms.Parrott also served as the Academically and/or Intellectually Gifted facilitator for K-5 grades, also in the Nash-Rocky Mount Public School System. She also served as an elementary school classroom teacher for 15 years in North Carolina and Alabama.

Ms. Parrott has further served the state through her work with the Office of Advanced Learning at the NC Department of Public Instruction where she has worked as the volunteer regional leader for Academically and/or Intellectually Gifted Programming in the North Central

Region. She also served as the treasurer of the NC Association for the Gifted and Talented for 8 years. She has also authored and presented at state conferences multiple times over the past decade.

Ms. Parrott is a highly qualified expert in AIG education and has proven to be a well-respected leader in this field throughout her career. She has worked with the Governor's School program as a local coordinator and knows and cares deeply for the program. She will be an excellent addition to the board and will help guide the program to even greater heights of success. *Ms. Parrott will fulfill the requirement of a North Central educator on the Board.*