

Professional Biography

Charles E. Bell

Charles E. Bell, Superintendent of Schools, Elbert County (GA) Schools, has passionately served students, parents, communities, and fellow public educators for more than 34 years. He has served in progressively responsible school-based leadership positions in Georgia and Florida. He assumed the Superintendent of Schools position in Elbert County (GA) on July 1, 2013 after serving as the system's Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.



From 2007-2012, Mr. Bell led Commerce Middle School from "Needs Improvement" status to distinguished recognition by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement and the Georgia Department of Education. In January 2011, Commerce Middle School was one of only ten middle schools statewide to win the Platinum Award for Greatest Gains.

Mr. Bell spent over 25 years in the high school setting, and served as the Principal of Cook High School in Adel, Georgia from 2000 to 2007. During his tenure at Cook High School, the school consistently earned recognition and awards for excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts. Also while at Cook, he received the 2002 Region B Principal of the Year Award from the Georgia Association of School Superintendents (GASSP).

By working in a number of other significant leadership positions, Mr. Bell has built a comprehensive understanding of K-12 public education. Those positions include serving as Assistant Principal for Administration (Gainesville High School, Gainesville, Florida), Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Dean of Students (Santa Fe High School, Alachua, Florida), and Pre-K-5 Assistant Principal (Bronson Elementary School, Bronson, Florida).

Extensive professional training and development have been ongoing throughout Mr. Bell's career, and have enhanced his leadership capacities. He was a member of the first cohort of professional educators to complete the distinguished Georgia School Superintendents Association (GSSA) District Office Professional Development Program. Mr. Bell also authored two chapters of the 2010 educational book, *Building School Culture One Week at a Time*, published by Eye on Education.