

Dr. LaTanya D. McDade was appointed July 1, 2021, as the Superintendent for Prince William County Public Schools, which is the second-largest Division in Virginia and serves more than 90,000 students. She is the first woman and first African American to serve as Superintendent of the School Division.

As Superintendent for PWCS, Dr. McDade launched an ambitious four-year Strategic Plan, *Vision 2025 Launching Thriving Futures*. This plan is committed to improving learning and achievement for all, building positive climate and culture, increasing family and community engagement, and achieving organizational coherence.

Dr. McDade also led the development and School Board approval of an exceptionally strong and unprecedented budget (Fiscal Year 2023) in the amount of \$1.8 billion driven by the strategic priorities of the Division. Eighty percent of this budget is allocated to the classroom, providing PWCS with the opportunity to advance the necessary work of supporting our students, our schools, and our staff.

Dr. McDade joined the Prince William County learning community with 23 years of experience in Chicago Public Schools, the third largest district in the nation. She is a proven leader and passionate advocate for students. A lifelong educator, Dr. McDade is a former teacher, principal, chief schools' officer, and district leader.

Dr. McDade previously served as the Chief Education Officer at Chicago Public Schools, where she was charged with overseeing all academic offices, supporting over 340,000 students across 638 schools and ensuring equity and access to high-quality educational opportunities.

Under her leadership, Chicago Public Schools increased academic achievement, expanded academic programming, such as Advanced Placement, World and Dual Language, implemented the largest International Baccalaureate network in the nation, increased graduation rates, increased college enrollment and persistence, and reached record low drop-out, suspension, and expulsion rates.

Dr. McDade completed her doctorate in educational leadership and supervision from Lewis University. She holds a master's degree in leadership and administration from Loyola University and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Chicago State University. She is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Dr. McDade deeply understands school communities and knows how to support their academic growth. She is dedicated to the field of education and passionate about improving the quality of life for all children through a lens of equity. Her mantra, *Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.* – John Dewey.