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Bridget Williams, Ed.D.

Chief of Staff

Bridget Williams is Chief of Staff of Orange County Public Schools, the eighth-largest public school district in the nation and fourth-largest in Florida. Since becoming Chief of Staff, the Human Resources Division has earned and received national and local recognition for its enhanced marketing and recruitment strategies and efforts.

Born in Orlando, she is a home-grown product of OCPS, attending Richmond Heights and Eccleston elementary schools, Robert E. Lee Middle School and Edgewater High School.

Over the last 30 years, she has served and led the children and families of Orange County as an alternative education teacher; guidance counselor; dean; assistant principal; and district administrator. She also served as principal of Robinswood Middle School and earned the school's first "A" rating from the Department of Education. At Jones High School, she moved the school to a high performing "B" rating and established the International Baccalaureate Program. As Associate Superintendent of Specialized Student Support, she guided the services of more than 180 schools of testing assessments and accountability, grants, and fully funded Title I programs. She also served as Area Superintendent of the West Learning Community supervising principals and serving as a liaison to the school board.

Dr. Williams is a proud alumna of Florida A&M University, where she earned a bachelor's degree and master's degree. In addition, she received a second master's degree from the University of Central Florida and doctorate from Nova Southeastern University.

She was honored to be inducted into the Edgewater High School Foundation Hall of Fame and has received numerous awards for her commitment to excellence in public education. Just to name a few: The Queen Smith Award from Council of the Great City Schools; the international educational organization Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.; the Drum Major Award from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; International Women on the Move Award from ONYX Magazine; and the Educator of the Year Award from Junior Achievement of Central Florida.

Williams and her husband, Dexter, are the parents of two exceptional young men - Joshua (Florida State University) a System Software Quality Engineer with Lockheed Martin and Elijah (Duke University) an Associate Account Executive at Amazon Web Services.

Bachelor's & Master's Degree from Florida A&M University; Earned Second Master's Degree from University of Central Florida and her Doctorate degree from Nova Southeastern University

Duration in current position: Dr. Williams has been Chief of Staff since July 2016