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**Tashanda Brown-Cannon, Ed.D.**

*Area Superintendent*

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Dr. Tashanda Brown-Cannon has been serving the students of Orange County Public Schools in the spirit of excellence for over twenty years. A native Floridian, Dr. Brown-Cannon matriculated through Duval County Public Schools before obtaining a Bachelor of Arts Degree (B.A.) in Elementary Education from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University. Driven by a lifelong love of learning, she attained her Master of Education in Educational Leadership (M.Ed) at the University of Central Florida and her Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) from National Louis University.

An innovative instructional leader, Dr. Brown-Cannon's many years of service has helped students find success both in and out of the classroom. Recognized for her efforts, Dr. Brown-Cannon became a turnaround principal for Tangelo Park Elementary School where she implemented innovative strategies to increase teacher effectiveness and student achievement. In this capacity, she led the school to five consecutive "A" ratings by the Florida Department of Education from 2007 through 2012. Dr. Brown-Cannon was honored as the State of Florida's 2009 Elementary Literacy Leader of the Year and drew national attention for her accomplishments with a featured article in *Lifestyles* magazine. Under her leadership, Tangelo Park Elementary School was recognized as a "Distinguished School" at the National Title I Conference.

In 2013, Dr. Brown-Cannon embraced a new role as an Executive Area Director for the School Transformation Office where she served as a principal supervisor for high needs Title I Schools. In this position, approximately 80% of her targeted schools increased their school letter grade. Currently, Dr. Brown-Cannon serves as the Associate Superintendent of the School Transformation Office. During her first year in this role, all schools within the School Transformation Office earned a school grade of "C" or higher. To highlight, one school increased its letter grade from an "F" to "B" and the other from earning three consecutive "Ds" to a "B".

Dr. Brown-Cannon's personal and professional journey is guided by Colossians 3:23, "Whatever you do, work at it wholeheartedly as though you were doing it for the Lord and not merely for people" (ISV). This foundational belief has directed her path to assisting students in their quest toward academic excellence. With the support of her loving husband and two children, Dr. Brown-Cannon is determined to strengthen our community, one child at a time.