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District names Carmelita Cureton new Saxe Gotha Elementary assistant principal

LEXINGTON, S.C. —During the July 21, 2020, meeting, the Lexington County School District One Board of Trustees approved the hiring of Carmelita R. Cureton as assistant principal of Saxe Gotha Elementary School. A devoted educator with 14 years of experience, Cureton comes to Lexington District One from Richland County School District One.

Cureton began her teaching career in 2006 at A.C. Moore Elementary School in Columbia, South Carolina. She taught Pre-K, kindergarten and first grade for eight years, was named the school's Teacher of the Year in 2009–2010 and served as kindergarten department chair. In 2014, Cureton became a reading coach at A.C. Moore, mentoring and coaching teachers, facilitating study groups and assisting with reading plans for students.

In 2018, Cureton was promoted to assistant administrator of Satchel Ford Elementary School, also in Richland One. She assisted with student disciplinary issues, coordinated field trips and testing, observed and evaluated instructional programs and teaching, and supervised classified employees. During her two years at SFES, she completed the Instructional Leadership Academy through the South Carolina Department of Education.

Cureton holds certifications in early childhood education, administration and supervision. She earned endorsements as a literacy teacher and coach, and was recognized for outstanding contributions to public education by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce in 2009. She also served as a coaching teacher for the University of South Carolina.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts in early childhood education from Lander University in 2005, a Master of Arts in instructional accommodation from Francis Marion University in 2009, and a Master of Arts in administration and supervision from Southern Wesleyan University in 2017.