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THOMASVILLE CITY SCHOOLS Board of Education Extends Contract

Thomasville City Schools Board of Education is today announcing that the Board has voted to extend the current superintendent's, Dr. Cate Gentry's, term of employment agreement four years through 2023 – salary, benefits and compensation remain unchanged.

"Through high-expectations and differentiated strategies she has set for Thomasville City Schools and the educationally-progressive organization she is building; Dr. Gentry has been instrumental in transforming Thomasville City Schools into becoming an educational model for other districts while at the same time recognizing the proud tradition of Thomasville City Schools and our community," said James Carmichael, School Board Chair. "Cate has proven herself to be a strategic visionary and innovative leader and the Board of Education is confident she is the right individual to lead Thomasville City Schools to new levels of academic success and into the future."

As the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Gentry is responsible for leading the district through innovative professional experiences for employees, engaging learning opportunities for students, and continued development of long-term relationships with parents and strategic partners. This includes involving the community in the work of updating of the district's Strategic Plan. The new strategic plan will be shared with the public in January 2020. Dr. Gentry also spearheaded the team which received the T-Mobile EmpowerEd Grant to fund the ADD-In initiative providing Chromebooks and personal hotspots while at school and home for all students attending Thomasville Middle and Thomasville High Schools; and collaborating to obtain the Golden LEAF Grant in order to begin an innovative Advanced Manufacturing program based on the campus of Thomasville High School. Additionally, Dr. Gentry has led the important work of facilities upgrades including the new construction of a multi-purpose facility located on the high school campus.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to further lead this school district and I look forward to building upon the progress and momentum we've developed so far with the amazing team of teachers, school leaders, students, parents and community supporters who are Bulldog Nation," said Dr. Gentry. "We are unlocking the true potential of our students, and together with our Board, our first-class administrative team, and our incredibly talented teachers, we will continue to create the best educational experiences and drive enhanced post-secondary opportunities for students."

Since joining Bulldog Nation in 2015, Dr. Gentry has held a series of leadership positions of increasing responsibility. Prior to being named Superintendent of Schools, she served as TCS Chief Academic Officer and also as TCS Chief Operations Officer.

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