

## Williamsburg County School District Welcomes New Principals



**Colleen Kelty, KGES**



**Terrence Snider, KHS**

Colleen Kelty has been named Principal of Kenneth Gardner Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school term. Kelty has worked in Williamsburg County School District for sixteen years.

Principal Kelty began her career with the school district as a Title 1/Parenting Facilitator, and in this position, she realized that her passion was working with youth. She later became certified as an elementary teacher and worked in two elementary schools within the district. Her success, as a teacher, was noted in the positive outcomes of her students' performance on standardized test. Kelty was also named school-level and district-level First-Year Teacher-of-the-Year in 2005.

In 2009, she was offered a position at the district-level as ADEPT Coordinator. During her nine years at the district-level, she was responsible for various programs to include Title 2, Teacher Induction, Teacher Mentoring and 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Programs. She was also a member of the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Team.

According to Kelty, it has always been her desire to lead a school in Williamsburg County School District since she became a teacher. "As a parent, I have seen teachers and administrators go beyond the call of duty for my children in this district, and I would like to have that type of impact on other children in this county. I am humbled and honored to serve the community as Principal of Kenneth Gardner Elementary School," Kelty shared.

Principal Kelty is thrilled about the changes that are in place for the upcoming school year at Kenneth Gardner Elementary School. "We are doing things that will excite students and parents. We are planning activities to create an atmosphere where students are more engaged and allowed to utilize their leadership skills. We encourage parents to come to school and know that we, the teachers and administration of Kenneth Gardner Elementary School, are here to serve, and to support them, and they are always welcome, here, at Kenneth Gardner," Kelty said.

It is Principal Kelty's hope that parents will see Kenneth Gardner Elementary School as a great place for their children and a place they would recommend to other parents.

Kelty received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Limestone College in Gaffney, South Carolina, a Master of Arts in Elementary Education from South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, South Carolina, and an Educational Specialist Degree in Administration from Walden University in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Terrence Snider has been tapped as Principal of Kingtree High School for the 2019-2020 school term. Snider comes to the school district with 21 years of experience in education. He has worked at the elementary, middle, and high levels in urban and rural schools within South Carolina and North Carolina.

Snider started his educational career as a Special Education Assistant prior to becoming an English Language Arts Teacher at middle and high schools. His educational career has allowed him to serve as Curriculum Coach, Assistant Principal and Principal. He has also worked as an Adjunct Professor of English at Benedict College, and a Distant Learning Lab Facilitator at an Alternative School in South Carolina.

"I am very excited and eager to begin my first year in Williamsburg County School District. I have worked in settings similar to Williamsburg County, and I am confident that, with my staff, we will make Kingtree High School, a good school, an even better school," Snider shared.

When asked his focus for this school term, Principal Snider shared that his priority will be to educate and develop leaders to become caring, contributing and productive citizens by maintaining high expectations for academic success and safety for all students and staff members.

Principal Snider also looks forward to working closely with the community and faith-based organizations. He believes that it is important, as an administrator, to love kids, support teachers, involve parents, and encourage them to pass it. As it relates to the entire Jaguar Family, he says, "Together we can, and together we will, be successful."

Principal Snider received a Bachelor of Arts in English from Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina, a Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary English Education from The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina and a post Master of Arts in School Administration from Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, North Carolina.