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For Immediate Release:

Barnes Named GSCS Enrichment Center Site Coordinator

Griffin, GA – On January 13, the Griffin-Spalding County School System (GSCS) Board of Education approved the interim superintendent's recommendation to appoint Dr. Jhondee Barnes as the site coordinator of the GSCS Enrichment Center.

Dr. Jhondee Barnes has been with GSCS for 26 years. For the past three years, she has served as the district's Advanced Learning Coordinator, providing leadership and support for gifted education across all grade levels, from elementary to high school. In this role, she also served as the district AVID Coordinator, helping expand college and career readiness opportunities for students.

Before that role, Dr. Barnes worked at the GSCS Enrichment Center as a Program Challenge teacher, where she spent many years directly supporting gifted learners. Additionally, she has served as a gifted endorsement instructor at Griffin RESA since 2015, supporting and mentoring educators throughout the region.

Dr. Barnes is actively involved in gifted education at the state and national levels. She serves on the Georgia Department of Education Gifted Working Group, represents her district with the Georgia Gifted Association and is a member of the Early Childhood Working Group for the National Association for Gifted Children.

"I have a true passion for elementary gifted education. Their curiosity and excitement for learning is what makes working with elementary gifted students so special," shared Dr. Barnes.

Dr. Barnes earned a bachelor's degree in Early Education from Georgia Southern University, a master's degree in Instructional Technology from Georgia College and State University, a specialist degree in Instructional Technology from Valdosta State University and doctorate in Curriculum from Georgia Southern University.

"Dr. Barnes has excellent leadership skills and extensive experience working with our gifted scholars. I look forward to her impact and continued success at the GSCS Enrichment Center," stated GSCS Superintendent Dr. Donald Warren.

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