

Tracie Welch Named Principal at William R. Davie Elementary

MOCKSVILLE, N.C., June 2, 2026 - Davie County Schools has announced that Tracie Welch has been named principal at William R. Davie Elementary School effective July 1, 2026. Welch transitions into the role from her current position as the school's assistant principal, replacing Principal Karen Stephens, who is retiring after 41 years in education.



With more than 21 years in education, Welch brings a proven track record of data-driven leadership, staff development, and community engagement to her new role. Since joining William R. Davie Elementary as assistant principal in April 2024, she has successfully led the School Improvement Team, managed state and local assessments, and strengthened school-community partnerships through initiatives like the All-Pro Dad program. Her deep familiarity with the school's students, staff, and culture ensures a seamless and positive transition for the entire school community.

"I am honored and excited to serve as the principal of William R. Davie Elementary," said Welch. "By building strong, meaningful relationships with our staff, students, and families, I look forward to supporting and celebrating the hard work, growth, and success of the children and educators who make our school community so special."

Prior to her leadership at William R. Davie, Welch spent nearly seven years as an instructional coach at Mocksville Elementary School, where she mentored beginning teachers and guided professional learning teams in data analysis and targeted interventions. She began her career in education at Pinebrook Elementary, serving as a first and second-grade teacher for 12 years. She was named the school's Teacher of the Year in 2015.

Welch earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Appalachian State University and a master's degree in elementary education from Winston-Salem State University. She is pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership and organization at High Point University.