

# New Charter School Leaders VIRTUAL Institute

**JUNE 8TH & 9TH, 2021**  
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## New Charter School Leaders VIRTUAL Institute

June 8, 2021

2021 New Charter Leaders Institute Day One

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### Morning Sessions:

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
8:30-8:35	<i>Welcome</i>	Mr. Dave Machado
8:35-8:40	<i>Overview of the Institute</i>	Mrs. Claire Porter
8:45-9:30	<i>The NCeCloud LAM Service</i>	Mr. Mark Scheible, NC DPI
9:30 – 10:15	<i>NC Standards, Curriculum &amp; Instruction</i>	Dr. Angie Mullennix, NC DPI
<b>BREAK</b>		
10:20 – 11:00	<i>Hazard Management Programs: Asbestos &amp; Lead</i>	Mr. James Lueck, NC DHHS
11:00-11:30	<i>NC Performance Framework for Charter Schools</i>	Mr. Joseph Letterio Maimone
11:30 -Noon	<i>Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness</i>	Ms. Patricia Lentz, NC DPI

**LUNCH BREAK    Noon-1:00 p.m.**

### Afternoon Sessions:

Time	Topic	Presenter (s)
1:00-1:30	<i>Advanced Learning Opportunities: AIG, CCP, AP/IB/CIE and CDM</i>	Mr. Isaac Lake, NC DPI
1:30-2:15	<i>Charter School Health Requirements</i>	Ms. Annette Richardson, NC DHHS
2:15-3:00	<i>School Safety: Critical Incident Response</i>	Ms. Jay Jackson, Center for Safer Schools, NC DPI
<b>BREAK</b>		
3:10	<i>Educator Effectiveness &amp; EVAAS</i>	Dr. Tom Tomberlin
3:45	<i>Closing Remarks and Announcements</i>	Mrs. Claire Porter

## New Charter School Leaders VIRTUAL Institute

June 9, 2021

8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

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### Morning Sessions:

Time	Topic	Presenter
8:30	<i>Welcome</i>	Mr. Dave Machado
8:35-9:15	<i>Beginning Teacher Support Program</i>	Dr. Monica Shepherd
9:15-10:00	<i>Compliance, Communications &amp; Transparency</i>	Ms. Ashley Baquero
10:00-10:45	<i>CSADM Projection System Ins &amp; Outs</i>	Ms. Angela Harrison
<b>BREAK</b>		
10:50-11:30	<i>Lessons Learned from a Charter School Board Attorney</i>	Ms. Donna Rascoe
11:30-Noon	<i>Supports for English Language Learners</i>	Ms. Susan Walz & Ms. Xatli Stox ESL/Title III Consultants

### LUNCH BREAK Noon - 1:00 p.m.

### Afternoon Sessions:

Time	Topic	Presenter
1:00 – 1:45	<i>Federal Programs</i>	Dr. Tina Hinson & Mr. James Popp, NC DPI
1:45 – 2:30	<i>Charter School Finance</i>	Ms. Susan Holly & Ms. Lydia Prude, NC DPI
<b>BREAK</b>		
2:35- 3:00	<i>Helpful Tips for Working with Exceptional Children</i>	Lynn Metcalf, Michelle Hamm, Dr. Robert McOuat, NC DPI
<b>BREAK</b>		
3:05 – 3:45	<i>Panel Discussion - If We Knew Then What We Know Now</i>	Panelists
3:45	<i>Closing Remarks and Announcements</i>	Mrs. Porter

### Panelists:

Ms. Leslie Paynter, Managing Director, Alamance Community School

Ms. Barbara Robinson, Founding School Director, Movement School Eastland

Mr. Justin Smith, Principal, Ascend Leadership Academy

## **Panelists:**



### **Leslie Paynter, Managing Director, Alamance Community School**

Leslie Paynter is the founding Managing Director of Alamance Community School (ACS), a new charter school that opened in the Fall of 2020. At ACS, Project-Based Learning is an integral part of the philosophy and mission. Students are presented with interesting, relevant, and meaningful problems to solve. Also, ACS uses a system of classroom management called Responsive Classroom. The main goal of Responsive Classroom is to promote optimal student learning and create a caring community of students and staff. It is a research-based program that shows students learn best when they feel safe, challenged, and happy. Leslie believes that her students social-emotional health is just as important as their academic health and student achievement increases when students feel safe and valued. Leslie was the founding Elementary Principal at Voyager Academy for eight years. She was an original board member at Voyager Academy and was instrumental in starting the Voyager Academy middle school in 2007, the high school in 2010, and the elementary school in 2011. Leslie received a BA in Elementary Education (K-6), an M.Ed. in Special Education (K-12) from UNC-Charlotte and an Education Administration and Supervision add-on license from North Carolina Central University. In her twenty-nine years as an educator, she has been a regular classroom teacher, a special education teacher, an EC facilitator, a founding board member of a charter school, and a school administrator.



## **Justin Smith, Managing Director, Ascend Leadership Academy**

Justin is a dedicated school administrator with over 17 years experience in education. Justin is a Lee County native and graduate of Lee County Senior High School. Justin attended North Carolina State University and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History Education in 2004. After graduating, Justin began his teaching career at Jesse O. Sanderson High School in Raleigh, NC. At Sanderson, Justin taught a variety of Social Studies courses including Civics and Economics, World History, and African American History. Justin is a National Board-Certified teacher and Principal Fellows Scholarship recipient. After graduating from North Carolina Central, Magna Cum Laude, in May of 2012, Justin accepted an Assistant Principal position at Voyager Academy. At Voyager, Justin served as an administrator at both the High School and Middle School levels. In 2017, Justin helped establish Ascend Leadership Academy, a charter school that opened in Sanford, NC in August of 2018. Justin led ALA's Board of Directors through the application and Ready to Open Process with the NC Office of Charter Schools. ALA opened to students in 2018-19 with 163 students in 6th and 7th grade. Since opening, ALA has grown to serve approximately 400 students in grades 6th – 11th. Justin currently serves as ALA's Managing Director.



Barbara Robinson, Ed.S. | Founding School Director  
[Movement School Eastland](#)

Barbara Robinson has been in the field of education for over 15 years with experience in state-operated, district and charter schools. She has served as an elementary Teacher of the Deaf, Special Education Teacher, Director of Student Support Services, Director of Special Education Services, and Principal. She is currently the Founding Principal of Movement School Eastland, which opened this in 2020, serving grades K-1. Barbara loves being a "boy-mom" to Langston (age 8), Ellington (Ellis- age 5), and Winston (age 3). She and her "partner-for-life" Christian have been married for 12 years.