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CPS Welcomes New Director

It is our pleasure to take this opportunity to announce that Gretchen McClellan-VanArsdale has been approved as Charlotte Public Schools' new Director of Special Education and Student Supports. Gretchen comes to our district with an exceptional depth of knowledge and breadth of experience. With over 30 years in Special Education, she has proven herself to be a collaborative leader with a strong desire to create a culture that supports success for students, staff, and the greater community. Gretchen is in the process of getting her Ed.S. from Wayne University, her M.A. at the University of California Riverside, and her B.A. from Michigan State University. Prior to coming to Charlotte, Gretchen worked with students, K thru 12, to implement programming and services that helped to create an environment where all students thrive. We look forward to the progress and achievement that will surely occur as a product of Gretchen's presence here at CPS.