

Biographical Information

Dr. Maria Goodloe-Johnson was selected as Superintendent of Seattle Public Schools by the Seattle School Board on April 12, 2007. She directs all learning, teaching and operational activities for more than 46,000 students and 7,900 staff members. Dr. Goodloe-Johnson manages an operating budget of \$556 million and a capital budget of about \$220 million.

In her first year at Seattle Public Schools, she led the development of a five-year Strategic Plan called *Excellence for All*. Shaped with the input of thousands of staff and community members, the plan was unanimously adopted by the School Board in June 2008. The plan sets bold and achievable goals to lift each student's achievement. During Dr. Goodloe-Johnson's tenure, student enrollment has increased, test scores continue to outpace state averages, and private foundation support for the District has increased dramatically. She has safeguarded the District's financial health through the economic downturn, maintaining prudent reserves and using *Excellence for All* as the frame for making strategic decisions about how best to focus resources. Having approved a new student assignment plan in June 2009, the School Board is poised to adopt new boundaries so that the predictable and equitable new plan can begin to be implemented district-wide. Simultaneous with the new student assignment plan, a performance management system was launched to ensure that everyone at Seattle Public Schools is focused on student success and accountable for meeting goals that support every school being an excellent school.

Dr. Goodloe-Johnson is the former Superintendent of Charleston County School District in South Carolina, where she was responsible for the administration and supervision of a school system with 43,000 students, 5,500 employees and a \$308 million budget. Prior to joining Charleston County School District in 2003, she served the students of Corpus Christi Independent School District in Texas. At Corpus Christi she held the role of assistant superintendent, overseeing instruction and school services, special education, and instructional support. Dr. Goodloe-Johnson served as director of secondary instruction at St. Vrain Valley School District in Colorado, and was a high school principal and assistant principal in the Boulder Valley School District. She began her career as a high school special education teacher and coach in Aurora, Colorado.

Dr. Goodloe-Johnson's professional and community affiliations include service on a variety of non-profit boards advancing public education and supporting families and children. She currently serves as a board director for the Broad Center, the United Way of King County, and the Northwest Evaluation Association. She also participates in the Aspen Institute's Urban Superintendents Network which includes eleven large urban districts. Prior Service includes the National Staff Development Board of Trustees, National High School Alliance, National Board for Middle Grades Reform, National Conference for Community and Justice, and American Heart Association.

Dr. Goodloe-Johnson has been recognized and honored for her work in education. She was named a 2008 Fellow in the prestigious Entrepreneurial Leaders for Public Education program. Among her other honors are: American Association of University Women, Denver Chapter, "1996 Trailblazer Award," "The Superintendent of Education Excellence" Award from Mt. Pleasant District AME Hall of Fame (2006), Morris Street Baptist Church Community Service Award (2006), Charleston Branch NAACP Trailblazer Award (2004), and University of Nebraska at Lincoln Alumni Achievement Award (2000).

Dr. Goodloe-Johnson holds a Bachelor of Science in Special Education from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln; a Master of Arts in Educationally Handicapped K-12 from the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley, and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration, Supervision, Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Colorado at Denver. Dr. Goodloe-Johnson is also a 2003 graduate of the prestigious Broad Superintendent's Academy. She and her husband are the proud parents of an elementary age daughter who attends Seattle Public Schools.