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DJJ COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES NEW PRINCIPAL FOR AUGUSTA YDC FINAL CANDIDATE IS FORMER DJJ 'REGIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR'

(AUGUSTA - GA) The Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice is pleased to announce his selection for another leadership spot at DJJ's Youth Development Campus (YDC) in Augusta, Georgia. Today Commissioner Avery D. Niles named Dr. Carol Yancy as the new Augusta YDC School Principal.

With 22 years of teaching experience, Dr. Carol Yancy has been a classroom teacher, Lead Teacher and a part of the Augusta YDC School Leadership Training Team. She is a former DJJ Regional Teacher of the Year.

On staff with the Department of Juvenile Justice since April 1998, Dr. Yancy was also the agency's choice to step in as Acting Principal at the Augusta YDC following the December dismissal of former principal Dr. Brenda James-Ford.

Commissioner Niles dismissed the former YDC principal for withholding information that she was the subject for a pending ethics charge by the Professional Standards Commission and for failing to report she received a letter of reprimand in connection with an investigation into allegations of grade changing at another school district.

DJJ Associate School Superintendent Audrey Armistad is credited for discovering the unreported ethics probe during a DJJ Central Office review of all current employees' education credentials. Dr. Brenda James-Ford was employed only briefly as the Augusta YDC School Principal. No allegations were made of grade changing at DJJ, no grade changing evidence was found at the Augusta facility, and no ethics charges were made at the YDC as a result of Dr. James-Ford's short employment.

Following that dismissal, Commissioner Niles said DJJ conducted extensive credential verifications to certify that candidate Dr. Carol Yancy had cleared all checks before naming her Principal for the Augusta YDC.

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Commissioner Niles said DJJ Associate School Superintendent Audrey Armistad personally received assurance of the candidate's education credentials from the Professional Standards Commission.

"Dr. Yancy has a professional history with the Department of Juvenile Justice and she has done an excellent job for DJJ," said Commissioner Niles. "Associate Superintendent Armistad and I are very pleased with the selection of Dr. Yancy for this high profile education leadership position at Augusta YDC."

Dr. Carol Yancy received her Bachelor's degree in Middle Grades Education from Paine College with a concentration in Science, Health, and Physical Education. She completed her Master's Degree in General Education at Troy State University with a concentration in administration and supervision.

Dr. Yancy earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Education from Capella University, specializing in elementary and secondary administration. She is a member of the National Association of Professional Women and she is an Augusta native who has previously worked at both the DJJ Milledgeville and Augusta Youth Development Campuses.

Dr. Yancy is the third new member of the YDC executive team selected by Commissioner Niles directly from the Augusta, Georgia area.

Assistant YDC Director of Security James L. Reid is a Marine Corps veteran from Augusta, Georgia with more than thirty years of law enforcement experience.

YDC Captain of Corrections Officers Donnell Collins is a six year Army veteran, also from Augusta, Georgia who began working with the Department of Juvenile Justice in January 2000.

"This new management team for the Augusta YDC represents a major investment in Augusta talent," said Commissioner Niles. "Under the guidance of our new YDC Director Cedric Taylor, this team brings more than 80 years of corrections experience in education, law enforcement and leadership to a Youth Development Campus that can truly benefit from the focus of their professional skills."

Dr. Yancy begins her full time role as Augusta YDC School Principal on January 16, 2013.

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