



Greetings Herman J. Russell West End Academy Family!

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Bryan Johnson will be recommending Dr. Chendra Dupree to the Board of Education for the next Principal of Herman J. Russell West End Academy at the June 2, 2025, Board Meeting.

Dr. Dupree is a results-driven, equity-centered leader with 24 years of experience spanning elementary, middle, high school, and district levels. Her career includes service as a Classroom Teacher, High School Principal and Assistant Principal of Instruction, Middle School Instructional Coach, Elementary Literacy Coach, and District Intervention Coach.

Most recently, Dr. Dupree served as Principal of Central Fine Arts and International Baccalaureate Magnet High School in Bibb County, where she led a bold turnaround that resulted in three consecutive years of record-breaking graduation rates: 90.14%, 96.41%, and 96.45%. Under her leadership, the school earned designation as a PBIS Distinguished School and was named one of Middle Georgia's Best High Schools in both 2023 and 2024.

A certified Restorative Practices Trainer and Clifton Strengths Coach, Dr. Dupree is recognized for fostering inclusive school cultures, building instructional capacity, and driving high-impact improvement efforts. She is a graduate of the AASA/Howard University Urban Superintendents Academy and the Governor's School Leadership Academy and was recently accepted into Harvard University's Turnaround Leaders Institute.

Dr. Dupree holds a Doctorate and a Specialist degree in Educational Leadership from Argosy University, an Educational Leadership Add-On Certification from Georgia College and State University, a Master's degree in Adult Education from Central Michigan University, and a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Mercer University. She also holds a Middle Grades Language Arts certification and endorsements in Teacher Support Specialist, Gifted In-Field, and Reading.

In her personal life, Dr. Dupree is married to Joe Dupree and is the proud mother of Nick, Chase, and Chloe. She is an active member of The House of Hope in Decatur, Georgia, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated. During her leisure time, she enjoys reading, shopping, traveling, and spending quality time with her family.

Dr. Dupree is driven by her firm belief that all students can learn and thrive, Dr. Dupree's unwavering commitment to motivating, developing, and positively impacting lives makes her an invaluable asset to the field of education. Her extensive experiences, academic achievements, and dedication to ongoing improvement emphasize her effectiveness as an educator and leader.