

Duke Bradley, III; Professional Bio

Experience

Dr. Duke Bradley, III currently serves as Chief of Staff with Henry County Schools in McDonough, Georgia where he provides leadership and direct oversight over policy, legal compliance, communications, constituent services, and special programs. Prior to his time with Henry County, Dr. Bradley served as Deputy Superintendent and Chief of Schools in Beaufort, South Carolina where he supervised the district's principals and leadership support team. While in Beaufort, Dr. Bradley played a pivotal role in leading the district's strategy during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Bradley was also a senior executive with 3DE Schools by Junior Achievement where he was Vice President of School Leadership and Accountability. Dr. Bradley's work with Junior Achievement led to the launch of new, innovative school models in several schools and school districts across the country including Baltimore County Schools (MD), Los Angeles Unified School District (CA), and Houston Independent School District (TX). Dr. Bradley is also a former school administrator, having led at every level – elementary, middle, and high school. In 2018, he was recognized by Fulton County Schools (GA) as the district's overall Principal of the Year where he was credited with leading historic gains in academic achievement and graduation rate while also increasing opportunities for students to access higher level courses. Dr. Bradley also led his school to distinction as the very first STEM certified high school in the 90,000 student district and has been recognized for his innovative leadership, particularly around school turnaround and the facilitation of wraparound services.

Education and Public Service

As an undergraduate, Dr. Bradley served as President of the Ford Teacher Scholars Program at Morehouse College and was later selected as a Fellow at the Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. Following graduate school, Dr. Bradley taught high school English in DeKalb County (GA) and eventually attended law school. While in law school, Dr. Bradley worked as a congressional intern focusing on education policy, and Upon graduation, worked for the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education as an instructor and program coordinator. In 2007, he was named a Fellow with New Leaders for New Schools and was a 2015 Education Policy Fellow with the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education.

Dr. Bradley is also very active in his community -- serving as a charter member of the United Way of Metro Atlanta's Child Well-Being Steering Committee. He is also a member of the 2018 Class of Leadership Atlanta and a member of the Atlanta chapter of 100 Black Men of America.

Dr. Bradley holds a B.A. in English from Morehouse College and an MAT from Brown University. He also holds a J.D. from John Marshall Law School and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Personal

Dr. Bradley from Columbus, Georgia and is the son of Duke and Sandra Bradley – a retired educator of 35 years. He has one child, a 9 year old daughter, Brynn.