

## Jones Named Principal of Innovative School District's Southside-Ashpole Elementary School



**ROWLAND** — During its meeting on July 8, 2021, the North Carolina State Board of Education approved Ms. Isabel Jones as permanent Principal of Southside-Ashpole Elementary School, effective July 26, 2021. For 24 years, Jones has served as a principal, assistant principal, and teacher for the Public Schools of Robeson County. She brings to her new post a wealth of knowledge and experience on all levels of K-12 education. She is known as an effective turnaround principal. Under her leadership, schools have exceeded or met growth and student proficiency has increased at each school she has been assigned.

Jones has two sons, ages 8 and 11. She loves spending time and making special memories with her family. In her spare time, Jones loves to read and scrapbooking is a hobby.

Ms. Jones strongly believes, "*When we do what's best for the children, everything else will fall into place!*" She deems that every child has the potential to learn and be successful, there is greatness in all of us, and educators must challenge students to reach their fullest potential. Her personal motto is, "*There is only one version of you, so be the best that you can be.*"

Ms. Jones enjoys supporting staff to achieve positive outcomes for students. She believes that building relationships with parents, community members, and all stakeholders are critical to improving schools and student achievement. In 2018-2019, Jones was named Principal of Year for the Public Schools of Robeson County.

