

**Mr. Brad Richardson***NCASA President, 2021-2022*Principal, Forest City - Dunbar Elementary
School, Rutherford County Schools**Dr. Aaron Slutsky***NCASA President-Elect, 2021-2022*Chief Technology Officer,
Gaston County Schools**Dr. Ethan Lenker***NCASA Immediate Past President, 2020-2021*
Superintendent, Pitt County Schools

The NC Association of School Administrators (NCASA) Board of Directors held its final meeting of 2020-2021 on June 14 and elected a new slate of officers to lead the organization for the new year that begins July 1. Mr. Brad Richardson, a Principal in Rutherford County Schools, will take the helm as President for 2021-22.

Mr. Brad Richardson has worked his 24-year career in education with Rutherford County Schools where he has been a middle school Reading and Social Studies teacher, Assistant Principal, and Principal. He is currently Principal at Forest City - Dunbar Elementary where he has served for the past nine years. Mr. Richardson represents the NC Principals' and Assistant Principals' Association (NCPAPA), to which he served as a board member since 2017 and President of the organization from 2019-2021. When not working, he enjoys spending time with his wife Carrie, who is a public school teacher, and their five children, Ethan - 19, Emma - 16, Liam - 14, Gavin - 12, and Avalina - 10.

Two additional officers for NCASA were confirmed, including Dr. Aaron Slutsky, Chief Technology Officer of Gaston County Schools, who was named President-Elect for 2021-2022. In this role, Dr. Slutsky is in line to become NCASA's President for 2022-2023 to follow Mr. Richardson. Dr. Slutsky currently serves on the Board of the North Carolina Technology in Education Society (NCTIES), which is one of NCASA's affiliate partners. Prior to Gaston County Schools, Dr. Slutsky served in Burke County Public Schools, Catawba County Schools, and McDowell County Schools. Over the last 23 years, he has worked as an eighth-grade teacher, Instructional Technology Facilitator, and Chief Technology Officer. He has acquired a passion for instructional technology and strives to put powerful, yet frustration-free technology in the hands of teachers and students.

Immediate Past-President Dr. Ethan Lenker, Superintendent of Pitt County Schools, rounds out the officer slate. He was recognized at the June 14th NCASA Board meeting for his tenure as President for 2020-2021. Dr. Lenker is known for being a tireless leader who is deeply committed to his work, his staff and his students, and he demonstrated the same steady leadership and dedication to NCASA during this most challenging year. When Dr. Lenker is not on the job, he and his family enjoy spending time on the water or traveling. He's been married to his wife, Alice, for nearly 29 years and they have two children, Eleanor and Alexandra.

On July 1 Dr. Lenker will become President of the NC Alliance for School Leadership Development, which NCASA helped launch as a professional development foundation in 2014. He represents the NC School Superintendents' Association (NCSSA) on the NCASA Board of Directors. NCSSA and NCPAPA are the two core affiliates of NCASA, in addition to 10 other organizations that hold affiliations with, and representation on, the NCASA Board.

In addition to these officer changes, the NCASA Board on June 14th confirmed several new affiliate nominees representing various segments of school administration and organizations as follow:

NCACTEA (NC Association of Career & Technical Education Administrators) -

Ms. Allison Dees, CTE Director, Carteret County Schools;

SNA-NC (School Nutrition Association of North Carolina) -

Ms. Kristen Bealler, Child Nutrition Director, Hickory Public Schools;

PANC (Personnel Administrators of NC) -

Dr. Wendy Cabral, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Services, Sampson County Schools (Executive Committee for 2021-22) and Ms. Rachael Haynes-Wood, Human Resources Director, Polk County Schools.

One notable change on the NCASA staff side is the promotion of Ms. Karen Owens to the role of Assistant Executive Director. Ms. Owens has served as Administrative and Program Manager for NCASA, managing corporate partnerships and professional development for the organization, in addition to providing membership support and administrative support for NCSSA. Prior to joining the NCASA team, she worked five years at the NC Nurses Association, which followed more than ten years as a 3rd and 4th grade teacher in Virginia and Wake County Schools, NC. Outside of NCASA, she can be found reading, running, and spending time with her 2 sons, a rising 5th and 7th grader, and husband who is a public school teacher.

NCASA is the non-profit membership organization for all facets of school leadership in North Carolina, serving more than 7,000 members statewide from all 116 LEAs and uniting 12 different affiliated groups with the common mission of ensuring student success through visionary leadership.

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