

## **Dr. Terry O. Oatts**

Dr. Terry O. Oatts is in his 29th year as an educator and his fifth year as Superintendent of Rockdale County Public Schools.

He began as a special education teacher-assistant at Metter Elementary in Candler County. He then went on to serve as a middle school counselor at Jane Macon Middle, an elementary school counselor at Burroughs-Molette Elementary, and a high school assistant principal at Glynn Academy High all in Glynn County before moving to metropolitan Atlanta where he served as a high school assistant principal at Meadowcreek High in Gwinnett County. Dr. Oatts also has over 20 years of experience teaching College of Education Graduate Studies for both traditional and proprietary higher educational institutions including but not limited to his alma mater, Georgia Southern University, and at Troy University, Argosy University, Mercer University, and Piedmont University.

Following his instructional, service, and administrative tenures in South Georgia and metropolitan Atlanta, he began his principal tenure at Stockbridge Elementary followed by subsequent tenures at Woodland Middle and Dutchtown High respectively all in Henry County before moving to the district office in Fayette County Public Schools as Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement. On May 30, 2018, Dr. Oatts began his tenure as Superintendent of Rockdale County Public Schools.

Dr. Oatts is married to Yolanda Singleton Oatts, a middle grades administrator, and they have two high school-aged children – Landon and Teryn – and an adult son, and Dorren.

He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communication Arts; a Master of Education and Education Specialist Degree in Counselor Education; and a Doctor of Education Degree in Curriculum Studies with an emphasis in Educational Leadership. Dr. Oatts believes that education is one of the noblest forms of public service.