

# Member Highlight

Dr. Carol H. Artis,  
Assistant Superintendent



## WHO IS DR. CAROL H. ARTIS?

Dr. Artis works for Wayne County Public Schools (WCPS) in North Carolina. In this district she has mentored multiple educators into leadership roles. Fifteen or more educators in the WCPS district have transitioned in Assistant Principal, Principal, Coordinator, or Director roles under her direct mentorship and tutelage. She takes pride in recognizing and cultivating leaders. Additionally, she continues to work hard by leading her district out of low-performing status. This mission is very important to her because she has dedicated her entire adult life to WCPS.

## WHAT INSPIRES HER?

For Dr. Artis her mother and father are her personal inspirations. Her mother was the consummate educator, master teacher and humanitarian guiding teachers, students, and stakeholders. Her father was a doctor and served the poor his entire career. He charged \$10.00 for an office visit and never more than what insurance paid for surgery. It is because of the servant's heart of both her mother and father that Dr. Artis strives to carry on the legacy of serving her community.

Additionally, being the mother of an autistic son has made her a better educator and advocate for ALL students. She believes the experience from challenges, pain, and joy of parenting a special child, enabled her to lead with real compassion.

## WISDOM FROM DR. ARTIS

"Work hard until the job is done, have empathy while doing the job, and know your craft."

"You cannot lead what you do not know; and you cannot educate and support those who do not have your respect and understanding."

"Don't be afraid to leave your district or safe space."

"Public education is the precipice of many important events, actions, and discovery. It is the core of our democracy. We must protect public schools with all our might."

## WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT BEING A WE LEAD MEMBER?

"The collaboration and access to similar job leaders."

