

WE LEAD AMBASSADOR



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WHY ARE YOU A WE LEAD AMBASSADOR?

WE Lead has really opened my eyes to the different ways that female educators can uplift each other and to elevate women in leadership. I have been inspired by the conversations and opportunities to collaborate with others from across the state.

PROFESSIONAL BIO

Dr. Stephanie Raiford is a visionary educational leader who assumed the role of Principal at Panther Creek High School on July 1, 2026. Having launched her career in the classroom as a high school Science teacher, Dr. Raiford brings over two decades of school leadership experience grounded in instructional excellence, collaborative culture, and a deep dedication to student success.

She transitioned into school administration as an Assistant Principal at Reedy Creek Middle School, serving for five years before embarking on a distinguished 14-year tenure as a principal. She spent seven years leading Briarcliff Elementary School guiding it to distinction as a National Blue Ribbon School and subsequently spent seven years as Principal of Mills Park Middle School, a recognized North Carolina Blue Ribbon School.

PERSONAL LEADERSHIP BELIEF

"If you want to move academic achievement, you have to support the adults in your care."