

Dr. Michelle James serves as the Executive Director and Principal of Hope Leadership Academy. Throughout her career, which spans over 25 years, Dr. James has held several leadership positions at the elementary, middle, secondary and higher education levels, some of which included Interim and Assistant Superintendent, Principal, and Adjunct Professor.

Coupled with the support and hard work of dedicated teams, she has established a proven track record of improving student achievement at an accelerated rate. She has implemented several innovative program strategies, district-wide curriculum initiatives, social and emotional learning, instructional technology and data driven professional development. Her passion for children and families is undeniable, along with her commitment to grow as a leader and invest in nurturing, developing and inspiring the team of people she works with.

Dr. James enjoys cultivating learning environments that celebrate and support staff, students and families and is grateful for the opportunity to dedicate much of her life's work to 'servant leadership'.

Dr. James is a dedicated wife and proud mother of two adult children. She enjoys traveling, movies, music and creating lasting memories with family and friends.