

Dr. Robert P. Taylor, Deputy State Superintendent North Carolina DPI

Dr. Robert P. Taylor is a native of Laurel Mississippi and has resided in North Carolina since 1992. He is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a BS degree in History and Political Science. He is also a graduate of Fayetteville State University where he received a Masters of School Administration and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

Dr. Taylor has nearly 30 years of experience working in public schools. His educational career includes serving as a teacher's assistant, as well as a classroom teacher in middle and high school. He has also served as a school administrator in the position of assistant principal and principal. His district level administrator experience includes serving as a Director and then Assistant Superintendent in Clinton City Schools, supervising numerous areas, including Human Resources, Federal Programs, Exceptional Children, and Student Services. Dr. Taylor also served as the Superintendent of Bladen County Schools from 2011 to 2021, providing innovative leadership in digital teaching and learning, district turnaround, and student support for a rural school district. Dr. Taylor currently serves as a Deputy State Superintendent for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, overseeing Federal Programs, NCVirtual School, School Nutrition, Planning and Operations, the Center for Safer Schools, District and Regional Support, and Regional Directors.

In addition to serving as an educator, Dr. Taylor also served on the Dean's Advisory Council for the Dean of the School of Education at Fayetteville State University and The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

During the 2014-15 school year, the North Carolina State Board of Education appointed Dr. Taylor to the North Carolina Assessment Task Force, where he served as one of two school superintendents in the state tasked with drafting new legislation for student assessment in public schools. He has also been asked as a district superintendent, to address the State Board of Education on various educational issues affecting education in North Carolina. Dr. Taylor has served on the State Board of Education Whole Community, School, Child Advisory Council, the North Carolina Virtual Public School Advisory Council (Chair), and the Western Governors' University of North Carolina Advisory Board. In 2018 he served on the NC Governor's Superintendent Advisory Council. Dr. Taylor has also worked with various educational and non-educational organizations as a keynote speaker and lecturer, with recent presentations on school nutrition and digital learning standards. He has also spoken on issues concerning school consolidation to the Association for Learning Environments, as well as presentations on STEM education at a Fayetteville State University STEM Conference. Dr. Taylor served as the president of the Sandhills RESA in 2016-17 and 2020-21, which is the regional association of school superintendents in the Sandhills Region of North Carolina. He was selected as the 2017 Sandhills RESA Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Taylor also served on the North Carolina Superintendents Association Executive Board. In November 2017 Dr. Taylor received the prestigious Friday Medal for Educational Innovation from North Carolina State University's Friday Institute. Dr. Taylor was also selected as the NCAAHPERD Superintendent of the Year in November 2018 for his work in school nutrition, health, and physical education. Dr. Taylor was also tasked by former Chancellor James A. Anderson to deliver the graduate commencement speech for Fayetteville State University in May of 2018. He also received the Friends of Nutrition Award by the North Carolina Child Nutrition Association in October 2018, having

been the first superintendent to receive their highest award. He has also been selected as a Governor's Appointee to serve on the NCCAT(NC Center for the Advancement of Teaching) Advisory Board, and the NC Homeless Interagency Council. Dr. Taylor is now being sought for his expertise in rural and digital education, and school nutrition with national speaking engagements in Chicago, Austin, Louisville, and Columbus.

Dr. Taylor is one of five co-authors of an article entitled "College Social Experiences between First-Generation Students and Other Students Enrolled in a STEM Discipline at a Historically Black College and University". This article was published in the Spring 2013 volume of The Journal of College Orientation and Transition.

He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

Dr. Taylor is married to Col. Vivian L. Taylor, Ret. (29 years)

They have three children:

- Jalyn age 27 (VCU Graduate, US Army Soldier, Hampton VA law enforcement officer)
- Mia age 22 (Senior at Western Carolina University)
- Miles age 19 (Sophomore at Fayetteville State University)