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### **Dr. Monica Smith-Woofter Completes N.C. Next Generation Superintendent Development Program**

Monica Smith-Woofter, Superintendent of the Northampton County Schools, was among 40 superintendents from across the state to graduate from the North Carolina Next Generation Superintendent Development Program Cohort V. The program is designed to support the growth, expansion and enhancement of superintendents using the North Carolina Superintendents Standards, through a formative process that advances the stated purposes of the North Carolina Superintendent Evaluation process, said Jack Hoke, program coordinator and the executive director of the North Carolina School Superintendents' Association.

The year-long program was comprised of eight face-to-face sessions that guided superintendents as they reflect on and improve their effectiveness as district leaders; focused on their personal leadership goals and linked goals with district and state goals; and guided and facilitated the professional development of superintendents toward advanced levels of executive leadership as defined by the North Carolina Standards for Superintendents.

Hoke said of Smith-Woofter, "Smith-Woofter developed a strong network of superintendents to consult with as part of the program and she contributed to the discussion on emerging issues and innovative practices occurring in the Northampton County Schools."

This is Smith-Woofter's second year participating in this professional development and she stated, "The Next Generation Superintendent Development Program provided me with the opportunity to network and learn from superintendents from around the state. I am grateful for the North Carolina School Superintendents' Association and Mr. Hoke for bringing us together to focus on current issues. Collaboration and communication with other superintendents are essential keys to success for all district leaders."