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# Dr. Gerrita Postlewait

Lexington County School District One is guaranteed to have a prosperous new year with Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, the newly appointed Superintendent, at the helm. “I am honored to officially join such a dynamic school district,” she says. “I am excited to serve the students and staff as we continue this important work.” The board unanimously selected Dr. Postlewait to serve as superintendent after her interim term with the district that began in July of 2021.



During her early years, Dr. Postlewait earned a bachelor’s degree, master’s degree and Ph.D from West Virginia University. Due to her husband’s career, she relocated several times; each new start provided fresh opportunities to teach and offer guidance in urban, suburban and rural communities. Diligence, hard work and sacrifice are not new to Dr. Postlewait; an immense amount of research regarding cultural awareness, health, history and heritage are required to develop educational programs and resources to accommodate shifting demographics and economies. She explains that moving frequently

and adapting to new environments gave her a sense of the breadth of the system. “You had to learn how to fit in wherever you moved, to make yourself useful. I think that’s really the best description of what a servant leader does. You pledge your devotion to a system, to serve it and look out for it, then try to figure out how to make yourself most helpful, given where a district is at any particular time. It’s like the leader of a family, or any other institution, where you’re trying to help people achieve their goal.”

Having served as public-school superintendent for over twenty-two years in three different districts, Dr. Postlewait brings with her not only an overwhelming amount of experience, but also a personal commitment to students, staff and their families. “The values that I grew up with are the fundamental values of this community. I feel very comfortable here, and I value this community. I hope in time that they will come to appreciate my efforts.” She is excited, dedicated and eager to serve, “I love the work; it truly is God’s work.”

“Lexington is a little piece of heaven,” Dr. Postlewait remarks. “I feel so comfortable here, like going full circle back to my roots.” The future is bright for the students, employees, and affiliates of Lexington County School District One, and the sky is the limit. Dr. Postlewait has full faith in the power of education and believes that teachers are the key to student success: “People cannot begin to appreciate everything that teachers do. We must regain pride in the profession to restore admiration for teachers and attract quality candidates. Teachers should hold a place of respect in our communities. I aim to help them recapture that.” ■

