

**Charity Bell**  
**Central Secondary Zone Superintendent**

Charity Bell leads the Central Secondary zone. Previously she was executive director of the Northeast Zone and the West Learning Community. In those positions, as well as the others she has held in her career, service comes first.

“There is no greater joy than knowing that you have been of great service to others and that you have made a difference in the lives of people,” Bell says. “In the business of schooling, we have an obligation to ensure that all children succeed in school. It is my hope that through our support, collaboration, and leadership, our students in CMS will soar academically and be prepared to succeed and compete in our global society.”

Bell began her educational career as a Title I math teacher for struggling students at Kinston High School in Lenoir County. She taught math, including geometry, for six years, before deciding to become an educational administrator. She completed a principal internship at Zebulon B. Vance High School in CMS before becoming an assistant principal at E. A. Laney High School in Wilmington. A year later, she was named principal of Lakeside High School, Wilmington’s district’s alternative high school, which earned exemplary status in its first year of reform. She also served as principal of middle schools in Wilmington and Kinston before coming back to CMS as principal of West Mecklenburg High School. Before her career in education, Bell was a solutions operator for Abbott Laboratories in Rocky Mount and also worked in retail sales.

A native of Kinston, Bell holds an undergraduate degree in mathematics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's degree in school administration from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She also holds certification in curriculum and instruction.