

**Dr. Valerie Truesdale**  
**Chief Information Officer**

Dr. Valerie Truesdale will join Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools as chief information officer in October 2012. She previously served as superintendent for nine years in Beaufort and Oconee Counties in South Carolina.

“Technology is transforming the way we live, work and learn – and schools need to teach digital learners in the way they learn best,” Dr. Truesdale said. “We want graduates of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools to be computer-literate as they prepare for college and careers. Our responsibility is to provide technology systems that support learning at all levels.”

Dr. Truesdale, a native of Columbia, S.C., has spent most of her career in public schools in South Carolina. In addition to serving nine years as a superintendent in two counties, she served as a chief instructional officer in Lexington/Richland Counties for nine years. She led the policy division of the South Carolina State Department of Education, supervising policy, technology, licensure and student assessment.

Dr. Truesdale is a former high school principal, assistant principal, personnel administrator and teacher. She was a faculty member and department chair at Mount Ida College in Newton and Massachusetts Bay Community College in Wellesley, Massachusetts. Dr. Truesdale taught courses at Queens University and at Clemson University. She worked in retail management with JCPenney Company before her education career.

Dr. Truesdale holds a bachelor’s degree in secondary education from Clemson University, an M.B.A. from Georgia State University in Atlanta and a doctorate in educational administration from the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Her contributions to education have been recognized nationally and regionally. She is a past president of the international Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and was the first national recipient of the Women in School Leadership Award, conferred by the American Association of School Administrators in 2011. She was named state superintendent of the year in 2009 by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators and received a Lifetime Achievement Award from that organization in 2012.

Dr. Truesdale and her husband of 37 years have three grown children, two of whom live in Charlotte, and three granddaughters.