**DR. NESHAWN DAWSON** is the new Principal of Windsor Elementary School. She comes to us from Craven County. Dr. Dawson holds a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice and a Master of School Administration, both from East Carolina University. She earned an Educational Specialist Degree as well as her Doctorate from UNC-Greensboro. She has 22 years of experience in education, first as a lateral entry teacher of Special Education and then an ECP Liaison for the district. She has also served as an assistant principal at a middle school, the high school Evening School Director and most recently Assistant EC Director at the Craven County Central Services. Now, as Principal of Windsor Elementary School, she is striving to make a difference in the lives of her students and to help teachers grow into leaders.

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PRINCIPAL of WINDSOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1. **Why did you first decide to become an administrator?**

   While a teacher, one of my principals encouraged me to pursue a leadership role. In addition, I wanted to make a broader impact upon teaching and learning than I could by being only in the classroom.

2. **What will you do at your new school to ensure that will directly impact student learning and the overall educational experience of our children?**

   I will focus on making decisions based upon school and student data, as well as taking a closer look at the progress of individual students.

3. **What is your philosophy of education?**

   We must **invest** in our children’s education.

Extra ...

- Dr. Dawson’s first official day on the job was February 17, 2020.
- She comes from a very close-knit family, who loves family gatherings and dinners. All of her siblings, except one, are educators. She has three children, eight grandchildren and a large extended family.
- Dr. Dawson loves cooking.
- Her favorite ice cream is vanilla or cherry vanilla.

Q: **What is one thing about yourself that MANY people do NOT know?**
A: I married my middle school sweetheart, Jerry.