



GaPSC Welcomes Matt Arthur as Executive Secretary

Please join us in welcoming the new Executive Secretary of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC), Matt Arthur, who brings to this role over 35 years serving education at the local, state, and national levels. As announced by the Office of Governor Brian P. Kemp, the effective date of his position as the agency head was January 1, 2020.



A native Georgian, Arthur most recently served as Commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) to which he was appointed in January 2018, after serving as Deputy Commissioner for three years. As Commissioner he led the state's workforce development efforts through a system of 22 technical colleges, the state's adult education and literacy program, and Georgia Quick Start, the nation's number one customized workforce training program. Prior to joining TCSG, Arthur was Director of Education Reform for the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

At the school district and local school levels, Arthur was Superintendent of the Rabun County School System for 13 years, career and technical education director, secondary principal, assistant principal, teacher, and coach. He has held leadership roles in a variety of state and national organizations, including the Georgia School Superintendents Association, the Board of the Education Workers' Compensation Trust, the Governor's Education Reform Commission, and is a Georgia representative on the Southern Regional Education Board.

"Matt Arthur's rich and diverse educational experience, accompanied by his strong commitment to quality education in Georgia for each P-12 learner, will greatly contribute to his success in this important and collaborative work. The Commission and I are excited to be working with him toward our shared goal of ensuring effective, ethical educators who are equipped to contribute to excellence in Georgia education, now and in the future, by making a positive impact on P-12 students, schools, communities, and the profession," said Brian Sirmans, GaPSC Chair and Lanier County teacher.

As a point of interest, Arthur, who is a graduate of the University of Georgia (UGA), played on the 1980 National Championship football team, as well as the '80, '81, and '82 Southeastern Conference Championship teams. He was recognized as a Post-Graduate Scholar by the National Football Foundation and UGA College Hall of Fame in 2007, and he is the recipient of UGA's College Of Education Distinguished Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award.

Again, please join us in welcoming Matt Arthur to the GaPSC.