



Danny Merck

Danny Merck, principal of Daniel High School beginning July 1, 2012, was appointed to serve as the House Education and Public Works Committee's education representative to the EOC. The appointment was made by Representative Phil Owens, Chairman of the House committee. Merck fills the expired term of Dr. Kristi Woodall. Dr. Merck served as Assistant Superintendent for Administration with the Pickens County School District during the 2011-12 school year. A classroom teacher for nine years, Merck previously served as Principal of Easley High School from 2009 to 2011 and Principal of Pendleton High School from 2005 to 2009. He also served as Assistant Principal of Easley High School from 2000 to 2005. Merck received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wofford College, where he lettered in college football and basketball. He received a Masters in Secondary and Elementary Administration from Converse College and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University in Miami, Florida. Merck has also earned his Superintendent Certification from Clemson University in 2009. An outdoor enthusiast, Merck enjoys trout fishing and deer hunting in addition to reading and exercising. He is a member and Deacon at Norris First Baptist Church, He and his wife Suzanne have four children. "It is a privilege to serve on the EOC as we work together to improve education in South Carolina," stated Merck.