

Dr. Brian Newsome

Dr. Brian Newsome, Principal of Gray Collegiate Academy in West Columbia, was appointed by Governor Henry McMaster to serve as his educator designee to the committee in December 2018.

Newsome has been Principal of Gray Collegiate since 2016. Prior to that, he was Superintendent of Orangeburg Preparatory Schools from 2014 to 2016 and Principal of Williston-Elko High School from 2010 to 2014.

Newsome earned his Bachelor of Science in Law/Communication from Charleston Southern University as well as a Bachelor of Science, Physical Education Certification from South Carolina State University. He holds a Masters of Sports Management from United States Sports Academy and an Education Specialist (Ed.S) degree and Doctorate of Education (Ed.D) from South Carolina State University.

Newsome served as an active member of the AdvanceED Accreditation Council from 2012 to 2017 and has received numerous awards for moving schools academically. He has twice been nominated for the SC Association of School Administrators (SCASA Secondary Principal of the Year Award).

