

OAPSA Meeting  
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Waters Bio

A life-long resident of Northeast Ohio, Dr. Merritt Waters worked as a school psychologist for the first 12 years of her career before accepting a position as a Director of Student Services. During her 5 years as a director, her interest in becoming a *building* leader was sparked by a spontaneous, 1-year experience as the principal of a preschool program and grew through her studies at Kent State University.

She completed a Ph.D. in K-12 Educational Leadership in August 2014, and is in her second year as principal of Horace Mann Elementary in Lakewood City Schools. She finds her background in student services invaluable as she engages in the small and large tasks of her work as a principal. This is particularly true because her building is the hub for Lakewood Schools' services for elementary-age children with moderate-intensive special needs.