Annie P. Wimbish, Ed. D.

Annie has been promoting success for all students as a professional educator for nearly 40 years. She has provided this service in roles from assistant teacher to superintendent of schools in four states – Virginia, Georgia, North Carolina and Mississippi. She has been instrumental in building leadership capacity across the United States as a Senior Associate with the Schlechty Center for Leadership and School Reform and now continues to prepare, develop and support leaders with the Leadership Solutions Group, LLC.

Annie’s passion for developing strong leaders and promoting student success goes beyond K-12 education. As a higher education enthusiast, she served as instructor for University of North Carolina at Pembroke, taught online courses for Grand Canyon University in Arizona, serves as leadership coach for aspiring administrators through University of North Carolina Greensboro, and serves as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees with Averett University, Danville, VA. She has served on numerous boards at the local, state and national levels.

Wimbish received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Averett University, holds a Master of Education (Curriculum & Instruction) and an Education Specialist Degree (Supervision and Administration) from the University of Virginia and a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership from Fayetteville State University in North Carolina.

During her tenure as principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent, Wimbish supported schools in creating a culture leading to high achievement based on state standards and community needs. Wimbish was named as one of Mississippi’s Top Business Women and recognized as the third finalist for Business Woman of the Year by Mississippi Business Journal. She was named Mississippi Administrator of the Year by Mississippi Association of Office Professionals. She is the author of *Rubber Bands on My Socks: The Reflections of a Sharecropper’s Daughter – Family, Poverty, Potential and Progress* and is published in *American School Board Journal* with an article entitled “Who Not to Hire: A Superintendent Reflects.” Dr. Wimbish’s strengths include relationship building and leadership development as she frequently serves as a facilitator of work and motivational speaker touting, “It’s not where you come from but where you’re going that makes the difference.”

Annie’s loves include God, family and community. She is married to Retired Warrant Officer Ray, has three adult children and seven wonderful grandchildren. She is a member of Mountain Grove Missionary Baptist Church in South Boston, Virginia where she and Ray serve as chairpersons of the Marital Ministry; she’s a Bible Study scholar and attends Sunday School. Her motto is “To God be the glory for the things he hath done.”