

## BIO OF BARBARA FLEMMING WESTON

**Barbara Flemming Weston**, a 35 year educator, is a:

- Retired educator who works as an education consultant – South Carolina Department of Education Priority Schools (2010 - Chestnut Oaks Middle School Sumter 17; 2011 - WA Perry Middle School Richland School District One)
- Former part-time recruiter for the Palmetto Teachers Association (PSTA)
- Former tutor for Richland School District One (Hopkins Middle School)
- Former Education Consultant for the State Department of Education (NCLB, ADEPT, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grants)
- Grants writer for the Goodwill Foundation of Eastover South Carolina and former Cross Roads Community Organization
- Former part-time Council Specialist for the South Carolina School Improvement Council (SC-SIC)
- Former English and lead teacher at Midlands Middle College Airport Campus
- Former Curriculum Coordinator in Orangeburg County Consolidated School District Three located in Holly Hill, South Carolina
- Former Co-Director of Title II Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant and Co-coordinator of the No Child Left Behind legislation at the South Carolina State Department of Education.
- Former Teacher in Residence at the South Carolina Center for Teacher Recruitment, served as Minority Recruitment and Partnership Specialist
- Former Lead Teacher and English teacher at Five Points Alternative High School in Richland School District One, a Communities in Schools initiative in Columbia, SC
- Former English, speech and drama teacher at Keenan High School

### EDUCATION

- Earned a BA degree from South Carolina State University (1976)
- Earned a Masters of Education degree from Cambridge College (1998)
- Earned her Plus 30 Hours from the University of South Carolina, Furman and the College of Charleston (1999)
- A Doctorate of Education degree candidate at Nova Southeastern University (open)
- Has taught in Richland County School District One for twenty-four years (subject areas at: Keenan High School included: English I, Honors English, English II, vocabulary, and speech and drama; Five Points School included all high school levels of English, writing, reading, and speech)

### AWARDS & HONORS

- Keenan High School's 1986 Teacher of the Year
- Five Points School's 1994 Teacher of the Year
- The City of Columbia proclaimed "Barbara Weston Day" in 1994
- Richland School District One's 1995 District Teacher of the Year
- One of the four South Carolina 1995 Honor Roll Teachers

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- 1995 National Milken Educator Award Recipient
- Former vice-chair of the SC Professional Review Committee of Colleges and Schools
- Former member of the College of Charleston's School of Education Advisory Board
- Past member of the South Carolina State Board of Education representing the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Kershaw and Richland counties
- Past member of the National Association of State Boards of Educators (NASBE), served as member of Study Group on Coordination and Accountability in Teacher Education
- Appointed to the SC Adoption Review Board 5-D 2006-present (chair)
- Serves on the South Carolina Ed Management Board of Directors 2011 - present
- Serves as a speaker for the SC Families of Highway Fatalities (FHF)
- Serves as a speaker for Donate Life South Carolina
- Selected as a member of the National Kidney Foundation 2008 SC Team for the Pittsburg, Pennsylvania Transplant Games and the 2010 Wisconsin Transplant Games

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Barbara was born, grew up and educated in the Lower Richland area of Eastover, South Carolina – a place where she still lives and is proud to call home.
- She was an active member of the Cross Roads Community where she served as immediate past president and former vice-president of the community organization.
- Barbara is a member of the Lower Richland Crime Watch Alliance.
- Board member of the Goodwill Foundation of SC, Inc.
- Barbara is an active member of Goodwill Baptist Church where she serves as education advisor, pulpit aide president, and volunteer coordinator. She has served as usher, missionary member, pulpit aide past president, former Adult Sunday school teacher, youth Sunday school teacher, treasurer, and former chairperson of the trustee board.

### FAMILY

- Barbara is the second child of Theodore and the late Lillie Mae James Flemming. She is married to Samuel Weston. They are the parents of two sons, Samuel Emil-Fredrick and the late Julian Alfred. She has two adorable granddaughters who she enjoys spending quality time with and teaching.
- Barbara enjoys singing, reading, and traveling. She says she was "called to teach" and finally answered her call. Her family, students, their parents, and her former co-workers were glad that she did.

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### **BELIEFS**

Barbara is a person who educators and program administrators seek out for advice regarding teacher recruitment and reaching "at risk" students, students she chooses to call "at promise." Barbara believes that her calling is not just to help students do well in school, but to help them do well in life. She has also accepted the challenge to help teachers by being a model teacher leader. Barbara continued to serve the needs of students by helping to recruit and ensure that SC classrooms have caring and qualified teachers. In her job as Council Specialist for the SC School Improvement Council, Barbara shares her knowledge of bringing community and school together to make a strong foundation for children. In her role as turnaround team English and Social Studies specialist, Barbara shares her passion for teaching and strategies for improving student achievement. Barbara believes that one person can make a difference and strives to be that person every day.

Barbara's strength continues to amaze people and demonstrate how her faith is working in her life. People say that she is strong. She chooses to say that she is blessed.



**Barbara Weston**  
**District 1-B**