As principal of B. Bernice Young Elementary School for eleven years, Denise King oversees a pre-kindergarten through second grade population of over 800 students. She is an advocate for nurturing and sustaining a culture focused on the intellectual, creative, and social potential of each learner at Bernice Elementary, which is described as a leading beacon in Burlington County for its environment focused on student development and community connection. Previously structured as a half-day pre-kindergarten and kindergarten school, Bernice Elementary opened a full-day program in 2010 which initiated a focus on early literacy for its youngest learners. With a team approach, they began measured steps for faculty preparedness, program development, professional development, and family outreach, resulting in what is now a flourishing, engaged community of 3-5 year olds embracing literacy and making significant progress. King introduced a school-wide Behavioral Strategies Initiative creating a consistent behavior program for student improvement that involves extensive collaboration and professional development. Bernice Young, a Professional Learning Community, provides a common period during the instructional day which supports professional development and fosters authentic articulation. King is a driving force for leadership and innovation in Burlington County as president of the Burlington County Principal and Supervisors Association (BCPSA). She holds a B.A. from Rutgers University, a M.Ed. from Cheyney University, and an Ed.D. from Nova Southeastern University.