

# DR. MARGARET *Gilmore*

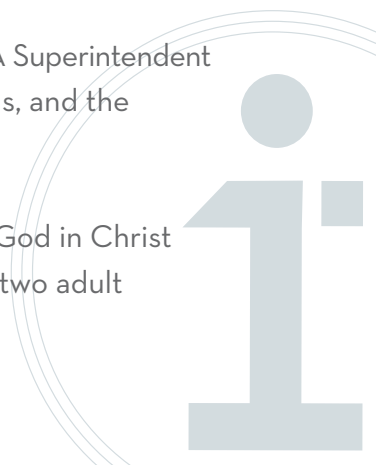


Dr. Margaret Gilmore is the Deputy Vice President of Educational Leadership at InitiativeOne, where she collaborates with school districts and organizations to drive leadership growth and personal development. Leveraging over 42 years of leadership experience, she uses InitiativeOne's tools and principles to create tailored solutions that foster sustainable growth, empower leaders to live by purpose and core values, and position teams for lasting success.

Before retiring, Dr. Gilmore served as Superintendent of Schools, leading advancements in student achievement, leadership development, organizational culture, and STEM initiatives. Under her leadership, the district achieved system-wide accreditation through COGNIA for the first time. Her career includes leadership roles in curriculum, instruction, and school improvement at the school, district, and state levels. A sought-after keynote speaker, she's presented nationally on transformational leadership, purpose-driven leadership, and core values. Dr. Gilmore also serves as a Diagnostic Review Lead Evaluator for COGNIA and is a member of its Board of Directors.

Her contributions to education have earned her numerous honors, including the SCAAA Superintendent of the Year, Tennessee and South Carolina COGNIA Excellence in Education Awards, and the 2024 MLK Drum Major Award.

Dr. Gilmore is the Deputy Commissioner of Education for the national Churches of God in Christ Education Commission. She is married to Eugene Gilmore and is a proud mother of two adult daughters, two sons-in-law, and one granddaughter.



# MOST *requested* TOPIC

## THE POWER OF RESILIENCE: Leading with Grit, Grace and Growth

Dr. Gilmore inspires hope, resilience, and action! Her message, “This is our time starting right now,” emulated her leadership journey as a new Superintendent of a struggling school district. Dr. Gilmore, with grit and grace, infused belief into a community that had lost hope. Through her unwavering leadership to boldly introduce AP classes, students began to see themselves as the scholars they were. Her message is that resilience is the cornerstone of effective leadership. Her commitment to that school district helped students, parents, and educators remember just how resilient they were. Thank you, Dr. Gilmore for the important reminder to, “Bounce back!” Dr. Gilmore also speaks on Creating a Culture of Positive Accountability.



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