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WHEN LEADERSHIP SHIFTS, EVERYTHING MOVES: A DISTRICT CASE STUDY

Join Superintendent Tanya Jones and her team for a real-world case study on what happens when leadership transformation becomes a discipline, not a discussion.

Representing Tahlequah Public Schools, Tanya and team will share how sustained pressure, trust accelerators, and aligned leadership behavior reshaped her team and the system they lead. This is not about another initiative. It is about eliminating drift, strengthening accountability, and driving clarity in decision-making.

As leadership changed, so did the outcomes. Tanya will speak to where resistance showed up, what the process revealed, and how staying in the work led to measurable impact across the district, including student outcomes.

If you are serious about moving from conversation to transformation, this session will show you what it takes.

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SUPERINTENDENT TAHLEQUAH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Tanya Jones serves as the Superintendent of Tahlequah Public Schools in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. She has 30 years of experience in public education. A dedicated servant leader, she has spent 19 of those years within the Tahlequah district, serving as both a principal and district-level administrator. Her career has been defined by a deep commitment to students, educators, and families, as well as a passion for building strong school communities.

A lifelong resident of Cherokee County, Tanya is a proud graduate of Tahlequah High School. She continued her education at Northeastern State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and a Master of Education in School Administration. Her professional journey reflects both her strong educational foundation and her unwavering belief in the power of public education to transform lives.

Tanya has been married to her husband, Duane, since 1997. Duane is also a lifelong educator and a Tahlequah graduate. Together, they have raised a family dedicated to service and education. Their son, Brodie, is a full-time firefighter and serves in the Oklahoma National Guard alongside his wife, Keyaira. They welcomed their first child, Riggs, last December. Their son, Jaxon, is a graduate of Northeastern State University and is an educator and coach.

Beyond her role in education, Tanya is an active leader in numerous civic and nonprofit organizations throughout the community. She is deeply committed to service and is driven by a desire to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Tanya remains passionate about her work and looks forward to continuing to lead Tahlequah Public Schools with vision, integrity, and a heart for service in the years ahead.