



BIOGRAPHY

Tutional 'Toni' Williams

Memphis-Shelby County Schools (MSCS) Interim Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer Tutional 'Toni' Williams has successfully managed the fiscal operations of the second largest employer in Shelby County and the largest public school district in Tennessee. She is responsible for balancing and managing the District's largest budget of over \$2.2 billion, which includes federal COVID-19 relief funds. Under her leadership, the MSCS Department of Finance has received clean external audits since 2019.

With guidance from Williams, the District has also received numerous recognitions for the 2021-22 fiscal year. It was named a Tennessee Department of Education "Best for All District," a U.S. Department of Education "ARP Star" for its stewardship of funds from the American Rescue Plan, and a Council of the Great City Schools model in its Urban Educator Newsletter for the District's strategic ESSER investments.

A graduate of Whitehaven High School, she earned master's and bachelor's degrees in accounting from Clark Atlanta University. She began her career in school leadership in 2014, helping with the first audits after the merger of legacy Shelby County and Memphis City Schools. She has worked with Millington Municipal Schools and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and has held various roles at MSCS, now serving as Chief Financial Officer and Interim Superintendent. She has also been a New Memphis fellow, Leadership Memphis graduate, and Youth Villages mentor because she believes in the power and promise of volunteerism.

Tutional Williams is currently the Chief Financial Officer of Shelby County Schools. Williams' appointment as CFO comes after rejoining the SCS family in September 2019 as Interim CFO. She previously worked with the District through various roles as a senior accountant, manager, and director of both budget, accounting, and reporting. Williams also served as CFO with Millington Municipal Schools. She has held financial positions with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and assisted with financial planning of their strategic capital plan and expansion. She has also held progressive leadership roles with Textron, the latest as corporate financial planning manager. Williams began her career as an auditor and expatriate associate with one of the Big 4 Accounting Firms, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Williams is a Memphis Native, specifically of the Whitehaven community. She graduated from Whitehaven High School in the top of her class. She attended and earned with honors both a Masters and Bachelors of Arts in Accounting from Clark Atlanta University. She returned to Memphis in 2014 to be closer to family. She is a New Memphis Fellow and a mentor to young ladies through Youth Villages. She loves her spoiled yorkie, Dolce Williams, but prefers to visit him at her parents' home. Williams enjoys as of lately spending time with family and friends, gardening, exploring new and old music, and finding her first love again in poetry. Some of her favorite poems include Nikki Giovanni's "Choices", Maya Angelou's "Phenomenal Woman", and Tupac's "A Rose that Grew from Concrete", among many.