



## **David Edwards**

Chief Communications and Professional Learning Officer

Mr. Edwards spent 10 years working in the printing and graphics field prior to making the transition into education. He began his educational career as the Distance Learning Coordinator for Lenoir Community College where he built the program from 1 telecourse to over 35 distance learning courses to include the first hybrid Court Reporting and Captioning program for distance learning delivery (internet and 2-way videoconference). Mr.

Edwards spent the next 2 years working in economic development as a Technology and Distance Learning Systems Specialist for the NC Global TransPark. He eventually assumed the position of Director of Education and Training for the TransPark and served in that capacity for an additional 2 years. Under his direction, the education center increased programming and usage by 250% and was instrumental in bringing the Advanced Manufacturing Training Center to the TransPark. His advocacy for technology-led economic development also led to the design and implementation of the Virtual Incubator Platform for Eastern NC portal ([www.vipforenc.com](http://www.vipforenc.com)) in partnership with the e-NC Authority ([www.e-nc.org](http://www.e-nc.org)). Mr. Edwards also served as the e-Champion for Lenoir County and assisted in the initial planning of the small business technology incubator in downtown Kinston.

Mr. Edwards then spent 2 years leading the implementation of the IMPACT model as Technology Director for Lenoir County Public Schools. He was responsible for launching 2 additional initiatives that included a data warehouse for student and program accountability as well as developing a partnership with the International Society for Technology in Education to design and implement professional development for media and technology programs.

Prior to becoming the Chief Communications and Professional Learning Officer in May 2007, Mr. Edwards was one of the inaugural NC Virtual Public School Advisory Board members.

Mr. Edwards holds a bachelor's degree from Mount Olive College in Business and Organizational Development and a master's degree in Instructional Technology from East Carolina University. He is currently beginning his doctoral work at NCSU in Curriculum and Instruction. His passion for making a difference in education and economic development has also led him to serve as the President of the NC Distance Learning Association.

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