

**MR. JAMES T. RUSSELL – Superintendent of Schools**

**Volusia County, Florida**

Mr. James T. “Tom” Russell was named Superintendent for Volusia County Schools, Florida, in January 2015. Prior to his appointment to this position, Mr. Russell served the district as Area Superintendent from July 2011-January 2015. He has also served in the roles of Principal, Assistant Principal, and Teacher.

Mr. Russell holds a Master’s Degree from Nova Southeastern in Educational Leadership, and a Bachelor’s Degree in English and History from Florida State University.

He has been married to his wife, Julie Russell, for 35 years and they have two sons.

Mr. Russell is intent on moving the district forward during his tenure and has endorsed the following three guiding principles to do so:

- *Guiding Principle #1: Dedication to increased student achievement.*
- *Guiding Principle #2: Commitment to finding solutions to problems.*
- *Guiding Principle #3: Mutual respect and positive relationships with all stakeholders.*

Mr. Russell is committed to success for all students and shares a strong belief in the value of teamwork with teachers, staff, parents, and community members.