Dr. Anthony Newbold, a 20-year veteran in education, is an educator striving to improve outcomes for all children. The trajectory of his life changed forever when an educator uttered the words, “there’s nothing I can do for that kid now,” to him about a student he was mentoring. He knew then that it was up to him to make a difference in the lives of young people.

Newbold began teaching through the Teach for America program, and to this day holds fast to the vision that “one day, all children in our country will have the opportunity to attain an excellent education.” He realized early on that relationships and engagement in the classroom lead to increased success. Hands on, technology rich activities seemed to do the trick for him. As Dr. Newbold moved up the ladder in education, he made it his duty to provide these opportunities to all of those with whom he has worked.

Over the years, education and technology have become his passion. As principal at Bear Creek Middle School he led one of the first schools to implement a fully 1:1 learning environment. He credits the preparation of his teachers in the school’s success. Under his leadership, Bear Creek also became a Microsoft Showcase School – 1 of 250 in the world that year. He and his staff put on the two largest Redefining Learning Conferences in the world to date. During the two conferences, over 2,500 attendees received hours of quality instructional technology training that will benefit students for years to come.

Dr. Newbold is in a constant state of sharing and learning. He is a Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert (MIEE), a Microsoft Surface Expert, and a Northwest Council for Computer Education Learning Specialist who travels the country educating educators on the use of instructional tools. He has been a featured speaker at a number of events and had the honor of sharing the stage with Microsoft’s CEO Satya Nadella.

Newbold knows that technology alone will not change outcomes for students but coupling that with solid teaching and pedagogy will. In his role as high school principal his focus has been on teacher collaboration and allowing data to inform instruction. His time as the principal at Centennial High School in Roswell gave him a clear understanding of what it takes to prepare students for the demands of life after high school. Dual enrollment, industry certifications, AP courses, and Career Tech options all contribute in adequately preparing students.

As the South STEM principal, Dr. Newbold aims to bring this focus and incorporate the fundamentals of design thinking to assist in preparing students for jobs that do not yet exist. He says, “The South STEM School will be a place that will revolutionize the way we go about educating our students. Our programs, partnerships, and focus on academic achievement will serve to prepare those who truly believe they can change the world!”

Dr. Newbold resides in the City of South Fulton with his wife Wendy, daughters Kaylah and Kendall, and Chinese exchange students “Ben” and “Nolan.”