Bio Sketch of 
Dr. Loretta J. Leaphart

Loretta Jones Leaphart was born in Columbia, SC. She attended Lexington District One Schools, specifically, Gilbert Public Schools. Upon graduating from Gilbert High School, she began working at Colonial Life Insurance Company. Five years later, she became employed at Wachovia, formerly known as South Carolina National Bank. In January 1989, Dr. Leaphart left the work force and enrolled in the University of South Carolina. After graduating from the University of South Carolina in 3 ½ years, she began teaching 7th grade at Gilbert High School. For the next nine years, she taught at Gilbert Middle School. After 10 years as a classroom teacher, Dr. Leaphart left teaching and became a science teacher specialist with the South Carolina Department of Education. She was assigned to Fairfield Middle School, which is located in Winnsboro, SC. During her four year tenure at Fairfield Middle School, Dr. Leaphart pursued and received a doctorate in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University. In August 2006, she accepted an assistant professorship with South Carolina State University in the department of Education. Dr. Leaphart also serves as an educational consultant.

Dr. Leaphart is married to the Donald R. Leaphart. They have three children; Brittany, Bryant, and Brantley Leaphart. The Leapharts reside in Gilbert, South Carolina and attend New Hope Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Lexington, South Carolina. At New Hope C.M.E. Church, Dr. Leaphart serves as the Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) Director and assistant president for the Missionary Society.

During Dr. Leaphart’s leisure time, she enjoys spending quality time with her friends and family, reading, writing, shopping, and vacationing in new locations. Dr. Leaphart is extremely excited to begin her new role as the Director of Felton Laboratory School beginning July 1, 2009 and to be able to help the students and faculty to not only reach their desired goals but to help them EXCEED all goals imaginable!