



## Senior Specialist

**Mildred Toliver** received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, Masters of Science in Elementary Education and her Certification for Elementary School Administration from Grambling State University. After serving as an elementary school teacher and instructional coordinator for the Caddo Parish Public Schools in Shreveport, Louisiana, Mildred went on to become principal of Atkins Elementary School in 1990. She led the school to success over the course of her ten years there. Eager for a new challenge she moved to Fort Worth, Texas and became the principal of SS Dillow Elementary School — the most beleaguered elementary school in the Fort Worth Independent School District.

In her first two years as principal Mildred led the school out of last place and started it on an upward trajectory. In the summer of 2002, Mildred joined School Turnaround as a participating principal determined to keep upward momentum even in light of the significantly higher standards being used in the Texas standardized testing. At the conclusion of her first year in School Turnaround, SS Dillow was demonstrating gains in some areas up to 35%. The student outcomes continued to improve in the 2003-04 school year and saw the school matching the state average for number of commended students.

Mildred joined the School Turnaround staff in 2004 and works extensively not only with principals but also with teachers, district administrators and school boards. In addition she does consulting and training for “Developing Multiple Intelligences”, Community Parenting, Effective Black Parenting Program and KEYPAR, Inc. She has worked as a reviewer for Harcourt Brace. Currently she is writing a handbook for effectively involving parents in student success.