

## **Chief Human Resources Officer – Dr. Rodney E. Watson**

In 1996, Dr. Watson received a bachelor's degree in psychology and music education from Northwest Missouri State University. He earned a Master's degree in guidance counseling and special education in 2001 and later received an Educational Specialist degree in higher education administration in 2003—all three degrees coming from the University of Missouri Kansas City. In 2007, Rodney was awarded a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction/urban leadership and policy studies from the University Of Missouri School Of Graduate Studies in Columbia, Missouri.

Dr. Watson's background includes human resource experience. For five years he served as a college admissions counselor/recruiter and an associate director of college student support services at the University of Missouri Kansas City. His experience in K-12 education includes serving as a classroom teacher; an elementary school transition coordinator; a guidance counselor; and, an elementary school principal. During his time in HISD, Rodney has served as a School Improvement Officer—supervising our eleven Apollo 20 elementary schools, and as Chief Elementary School Officer. Currently, he serves as the Chief Human Resources Officer. Dr. Watson is well respected by his colleagues at the central office and by our principals.