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Jessica C. Brister, M.Ed. is an accomplished educator and transformational leader with 25 years of experience in PK–12 education. She currently serves as the Supervisor of Early Childhood and Elementary Programs for the Zachary Community School District, leading instructional alignment, professional learning, and initiatives that strengthen teaching and learning. A former Executive Director for School Leadership in East Baton Rouge Parish and School Improvement Support Specialist with the Louisiana Department of Education, she is widely recognized for her success in school turnaround, leadership development, and building systems that produce measurable academic gains.

Jessica holds a Master's in Educational Administration and Supervision from Southern University and a Bachelor's in Secondary Education from Louisiana State University. Now pursuing a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Research at LSU, her research explores how district leadership impacts principal efficacy and student outcomes. She finds her greatest joy in her family—her husband, Herman R. Brister, Jr., and their children, Herman III, Hannah, and Hunter.