

Biography



Mark Bounds

Since October 2006, Mark Bounds has served as the Deputy Superintendent for Educator Quality and Leadership for the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) where he oversees the educator preparation system, educator certification system, educator evaluation system, teacher induction and support programs, teacher recruitment, teacher recognition, and educator leadership programs for the state. Prior to this position, Mark served as the Executive Director for Communities in Schools of South Carolina (CIS-SC), a statewide non-profit organization that focuses on helping children succeed in school and in life and as a SCDE Team Leader responsible for the all actions associated with the assessment process for under-performing schools. Mark had a distinguished career as an officer in the United States Army, having served the nation for 20 years. A native of Baltimore, Maryland, he received his bachelor's degree from Towson University, was commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the Johns Hopkins University ROTC program, and holds master's degrees in Administration from Central Michigan University and in National Security and Strategic Studies from the College of Naval Command and Staff. He is a graduate of the Center for Creative Leadership Education Leader Development Program, the International Center for Leadership in Education, the Riley Institute Diversity Leadership Initiative and is an Education Policy Fellow.