

## **Ms. Dorshandrell “Dee Dee” Pitts**

Dorshandrell "Dee Dee" Pitts is in her 15th year of teaching band in Mississippi. She is currently in her eleventh year with the Gulfport School District where she serves as the Associate Director of Bands for Gulfport High School. She conducts the Symphonic Band, teaches marching band, and oversees the middle school programs within the district. She is also an adjunct professor of Trombone at William Carey University. Before her current position, she served as Director of Bands for Gulfport Central Middle School.

Ms. Pitts received her Bachelor of Music Education Degree from Delta State University and her Masters of Music in Conducting Degree from the American Band College through Southern Oregon University. She is also a National Board Certified teacher. Ms. Pitts is a member of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association, American School Band Director's Association, Gulf Coast Band Director's Association, and Phi Beta Mu. Ms. Pitts also serves as an Education Consultant with Music For All Inc. where she mentors directors in the I-65 Corridor Collaborative.

Ms. Pitts has served as a guest clinician and presenter throughout the state of Mississippi and surrounding areas, and has consistently produced Superior bands throughout her career. She has an active private studio and is the lead Trombonist for the Coast Big Band. Ms. Pitts has earned several awards including Teacher of the Year for Gulfport Central Middle School and Gulfport School District, Band Director of the Year for the Gulf Coast, as well as an Educator of Distinction for the NSHSS.