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**Sowar Named GSBA Director of Risk Management Services**

The Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) has named Trudy Sowar director of Risk Management Services. In her new role, Sowar will oversee the association's Workers' Compensation Fund and Risk Management Fund. She will also manage the association's risk management services that assist member school districts in ensuring the safety of students and staff.

"Ms. Sowar comes to our leadership team with a wealth of knowledge and experience," said GSBA Executive Director Jeannie M. (Sis) Henry. "With experience as a local school superintendent and former member of the Workers' Compensation Fund Board of Trustees, she brings a unique perspective to the job."

Sowar will join GSBA in January. She comes to the job from Paulding County Public Schools, where she currently serves as superintendent. She joined Paulding County in 1996 as an assistant superintendent for human resources. She held several other positions with the district and was named superintendent in 2000. Prior to joining Paulding County, Sowar held numerous leadership positions with Cobb County Schools, including being a teacher, principal and central office administrator.

She has been actively involved in community and professional activities. She is a past president of the Georgia School Superintendents Association (GSSA). She is also actively involved with the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders and the American Association of School Administrators.

Sowar holds both Masters and Specialist degrees in Education Leadership from the State University of West Georgia. She holds a bachelor's degree from Georgia State University. Ms. Sowar completed the GSSA Superintendents Professional Development Program.

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