

## **BIO OF SUPERINTENDENT ANTHONY J. TATA**

The Wake County Board of Education named Anthony J. Tata superintendent of the Wake County Public School System on December 23, 2010. As the chief executive officer of the school system, Mr. Tata oversees its administration and implements school board policies. He began his service to Wake County's students and schools on January 31, 2011.

Anthony J. Tata graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1981 and retired after 28 years of uniformed service on June 1, 2009 as a Brigadier General in the U.S. Army. Among his many assignments, Mr. Tata commanded a paratrooper battalion in the 82nd Airborne Division and an air assault brigade in the 101st Airborne Division. In 2006-07 he served as the Deputy Commanding General of the 10th Mountain Division and Combined/Joint Task Force-76 in Afghanistan. BG Tata deployed on combat missions and operations in Afghanistan, Kosovo, Macedonia, Bosnia, Panama and the Philippines. He was awarded the Combat Action Badge and Bronze Star, served as a Master Parachutist and graduated from the U.S. Army's Ranger School.

Mr. Tata also served as a National Security Fellow at Harvard University's JFK School of Government, earned an M.A. in International Relations from the Catholic University of America, and has a Master's of Military Art and Science from the Army's School of Advanced Military Studies. He is listed as a distinguished member of the 502nd, 504th, and 505th Parachute Infantry Regiments.

A graduate of the 2009 Broad Superintendent's Academy, which focuses on preparing executives around the country for service as senior leaders in large urban school districts, General Tata currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer of Washington, DC Public Schools. He is a member of the Management Team that has brought transformative change to DC Public Schools. In May 2010, Jane Pauley and NBC's Today Show highlighted General Tata's transition from military service to education leadership.

The author of critically acclaimed fiction novels (*Sudden Threat*, *Rogue Threat* and *Hidden Threat*), Mr. Tata donates 100% of his book proceeds to the USO Metro DC Hospital Services fund for Wounded Warriors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda National Naval Medical Center.

Major media outlets such as CBS, NBC, Fox News, and scores of other nationally syndicated and local radio and television stations seek General Tata's reliable, balanced commentary on foreign policy, with an emphasis on Afghanistan.