Dr. McLean has enjoyed a successful career in public education spanning nearly 30 years in North Carolina. Since 2017, she has served as the Superintendent for Granville County Public Schools. During this time, she led the district through significant transformational change, pivots for Covid, strong character development and academic growth.

Prior to her current position, she has served as the assistant superintendent for teaching, learning, and leadership for the Durham Public Schools and as an area superintendent (2014-2016). She previously served as a school transformation coach with the N.C. Department of Public Instruction (2011-2014) and as an assistant superintendent in the Alamance-Burlington School System (2009-2011). She began her career in public education as a teacher, cheering coach, an assistant principal and principal in Roxboro and Hillsborough, North Carolina.

Dr. McLean has an impressive academic background as well, including a bachelor's degree in English education from Elizabeth City State University. She went on to obtain a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from East Carolina University and a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She also participated in and later served as a consultant and assistant director for the Principals' Executive Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she groomed school leaders from across the state of North Carolina.

Dr. McLean is the daughter of Dr. & Mrs. AC Robinson, Jr. of Elizabeth City, NC. She and her husband, Attorney Frankie McLean, are the proud parents of their lovely daughter Imari, and their son-in-love, Kier Way. She is also a lifetime member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and believes "If I Can Help Somebody As I Pass Along, Then My Living Shall Not Be In Vain".