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**Scott Howat**

*Chief Communications Officer  
President, Foundation for OCPS*

For more than 30 years, Scott Howat has worked to help lead the students of Orange County Public Schools to success. In 2016, he was appointed by Superintendent Barbara Jenkins as the Chief Communications Officer for Orange County Public Schools and president of the Foundation for Orange County Public Schools (OCPS).

Howat began his career with OCPS at University High School as a social studies teacher, serving in that capacity for 11 years. He also served as an administrative dean and assistant principal. In 2006, Howat was appointed by Superintendent Ronald Blocker as the Director of Legislative and Congressional Relations, and later the Senior Executive Director of Planning, Governmental & Labor Relations for the district where he supervised governmental affairs, student enrollment and school siting and served as the Chief Negotiator for the district.

Howat attended Orange County Public Schools before earning his Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Government from Rollins College. He earned a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of Central Florida.

Howat's wife Catherine is a kindergarten teacher at Dommerich Elementary School. Howat has two adult children, Marisa and Mason.