

## **Jackson Olsen**

Dr. Jackson Olsen is the Director of High School Network Development at the KIPP Foundation. In his role, he coaches high school principals and principal supervisors across the country. In 2015, he founded Henderson Collegiate High School (NC) and led it for 5 years. During his tenure as principal, HCHS earned an "A" rating from the state for 4 out of 5 years, was named a Title I school of Distinction, and was one of the highest performing high schools in the state. Prior to opening his own school, Jackson worked as an assistant principal, history teacher, and football and baseball coach in the traditional public school system in eastern North Carolina.

Dr. Olsen is fluent in Spanish, a published author, and completed his dissertation research on teacher retention. He earned his MSA from North Carolina State University and his doctorate in educational leadership from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For the last 6 years, Dr. Olsen has coached principals and secondary leaders as an adjunct with the Relay Graduate School of Education, where he also completed the NPAF and LLI fellowships with honors.

He and his wife moved to Las Vegas in 2020 with their two children. Dr. Olsen is a member of the 52 Peak Club of Las Vegas, is a volunteer with Leaders in Training, and is an avid outdoor recreationist.