Ms. Ashby, a Nicaraguan native immigrated to Miami, Florida where she graduated from Miami Senior High School, Barry University, and St. Thomas University. Ms. Ashby served Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Duval Public Schools for over 18 years as a teacher, assistant principal, vice-principal, and principal. The last five years she has served as Assistant Superintendent of Schools which was comprised of 23 partnership comprehensive schools and 6 ESE Center Base Schools in Detroit Public Schools Community District.

Ms. Ashby's leadership was instrumental in improving the overall percentage of schools that traditionally were labeled failing schools by the Florida Department of Education Accountability System. She led North Miami Senior High School to a "C" grade, Miami Northwestern to an "A" and J D Middle School to a "C". Through her transformational leadership, both North Miami Senior and Miami Northwestern Senior increased their Graduation data as well.

As an Assistant Superintendent of Schools in DPSCD, she helped coach principals to improve their schools. Ms. Ashby focused on building the capacity of principals to become more instructionally sound and data driven. As Chief of Schools, she will continue to be relentless in her pursuit of excellence to ensure students educational experience at our schools is premier and rivals their more affluent peers. She recognizes and accepts all challenges with an unmatched tenacity.