



# JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

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## PRESS RELEASE

From: Shane Johnston  
Director of Schools

Re: Administrative Assignments

The Jefferson County Department of Education announces the following changes in administrative assignments effective January 4, 2021.

### **New Market Elementary School**

Mr. Jacob Bellissimo has been named Principal at New Market Elementary School. Mr. Bellissimo has previously served as assistant principal at Jefferson Middle School, New Market Elementary School, Piedmont Elementary School, and Talbott Elementary School. Most recently, Mr. Bellissimo served as interim principal of Talbott Elementary School. The vacancy at New Market Elementary School is the result of Mrs. Carrie Trent's reassignment to central office where she will be serving as the Supervisor of Student Support and Services.

### **Mt. Horeb Elementary School**

Dr. Samuel Hollingshead has been named Principal at Mt. Horeb Elementary School. Dr. Hollingshead is the long-time assistant principal at Mt. Horeb Elementary School. During the first semester of 2020-2021, Dr. Hollingshead served as interim principal of Jefferson Elementary School. The vacancy at Mt. Horeb Elementary School is the result of the retirement of Mrs. Sandra Austin.

Ms. Andi Potts has been hired as the assistant principal at Mt. Horeb Elementary School. Ms. Potts is a long-time Jefferson County educator and during the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year, she was the interim assistant principal at MHES due to Dr. Hollingshead's assignment at Jefferson Elementary.



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## **Jefferson Elementary School**

Mrs. Jessica Estep has been named the interim principal at Jefferson Elementary School. Mrs. Estep previously has served as a guidance counselor at Jefferson County High School and later as an administrative intern at JCHS working through the University of Tennessee. Most recently, Mrs. Estep was serving as the assistant principal at JES.

Dr. Scott Mulligan has been named the interim assistant principal at Jefferson Elementary School. Dr. Mulligan has taught in the Jefferson County School System several years including Dandridge Elementary and Maury Middle School. In addition to Jefferson Elementary School, Dr. Mulligan will be serving as assistant principal at Talbott Elementary School.

## **Jefferson County High School**

Dr. Monty Sharp has been named interim principal at Jefferson County High School following the Dr. Kevin Cline's resignation to pursue an opportunity outside of public education. Dr. Sharp is a veteran Jefferson County educator and administrator and has been serving as an assistant principal at Jefferson County High School for several years. A search for the permanent replacement for Dr. Cline will be held later in the semester.

## **Central Office**

Mrs. Carrie Trent has been hired as the Supervisor of Student Support and Services replacing Mrs. Mandy Schneitman. Mrs. Schneitman retired at the end of December 2020. Mrs. Trent had been serving as the principal of New Market Elementary School.