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NEW PRINCIPAL NAMED FOR SAM HOUSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Maryville, TN — 5/15/2020 @ 5:00 pm — Director of Maryville City Schools Dr. Mike Winstead shared earlier today that Dr. Casey Cutter would become the new principal at Sam Houston Elementary school. As announced last month, the Sam Houston principalship became available when Heather Hilton accepted the position of principal at Maryville High School upon the retirement of current MHS Principal Greg Roach.

Dr. Cutter currently serves as the principal at Mount Olive Elementary in Knox County and previously held assistant principal positions at two schools. During his tenure as a classroom teacher, Cutter primarily served third and fourth-grade students. Dr. Cutter earned his bachelor's degree in Business at the University of Colorado at Boulder, his master's degree from Regis University in Education, and a doctorate in Education from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Dr. Cutter is a graduate of the Leadership Academy at the University of Tennessee where he was selected as one of ten Knox County Leadership Academy Fellows in 2012.

In his message to school staff, Dr. Winstead praised the work of the interview team and especially the leadership and commitment of Sam Houston Elementary assistant principal Molly

Rice. Commenting about this important addition to his leadership team, Winstead said, “Casey’s responses throughout the interview process conveyed a leader who is dedicated to relationships and building a positive culture and climate.” Upon accepting the position, Dr. Cutter expressed how thrilled he is to join the staff at Sam Houston and went on to say, “I’ve always admired Maryville’s commitment to excellence, incredible community support, and deep love for students. I am humbled that I get the opportunity to work alongside such a talented group of professionals to love, inspire, and educate the SHE Smokies. I look forward to joining the Sam Houston family!”

Dr. Cutter and his wife of thirteen years, Laura, live in Knoxville with their three “precious, wild, and crazy” boys. Laura Cutter is originally from Chattanooga and now serves as the Director of Youth Ministries at Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church. Casey grew up in a military family, so they moved around a bit, but most of his youth was spent in Colorado where he learned to love the mountains – first Rocky, and now Smoky!



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