



Shumpert's Ties To TPSD Are Life Long

TUPELO, Miss. — Ian Shumpert has been the principal at Lawhon for three years, after previously serving as assistant principal for Tupelo Middle School.

Born in Tupelo, he moved briefly to Starkville until the seventh grade before finding his way back to the All-American City. After earning his bachelor's in business from Rust College, he then turned his attention to Ole Miss, where he received a master's in educational leadership.

During his high school days, when he was thin as rails and ran track, played the trumpet and had career dreams of becoming a buyer for a big clothing company.

But he quickly learned his true calling was in education, a field he's thoroughly loved for the past 28 years.

Tupelo has also provided him a beautiful family. He and his wife, Modesty, also a Tupelo High graduate now working for the district, have two very active children they deeply adore, Jay and Jillian.

Ian, a drummer for his church worship band, says the perfect day out to him would be spent at the beach playing a few games of ping pong, and eating burgers he has grilled or chicken drums.

And if Hollywood reaches out to do a movie about his adventurous life, we want either Denzel Washington or Samuel L. Jackson to take the lead role.

This week's TPSD administrative focus is Ian Shumpert of Lawndale Elementary.

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