



### **From Coaching Cheer To Setting Up Technology, Life Has Never Been Boring For Higgins**

**TUPELO, Miss.** — T.J. Higgins, who once thought about becoming a wildlife biologist due to his love of the outdoors, is in his 18th year with the Tupelo Public School District IT department and his second as director.

The South Pontotoc graduate grew up in Algoma, Mississippi, famously known as the home of Seafood Junction restaurant, which was built by his father.

Family is extremely important to this avid sports fan. He's inspired most by his dad, who taught him everything about the importance of being a strong father.

One of T.J.'s claim to fame is cheering on two national championship squads at Delta State, a competition that aired on ESPN. And after earning a degree in bachelor's administration, he had a brief stint as a cheerleader coach.

He describes an ideal weekend as cruising around the mountains in his dream car, a Shelby Mustang GT500, with his wife of 25 years, Kimberly, and their two children, Sanders and Thomas.

And if you want to cook him a steak, it better be medium rare.

This week's TPSD Administrative Focus and winner of a Buffalo Wild Wings gift card is T.J. Higgins, director of technology.

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