



Coon Named New Principal At ECEC

TUPELO, Miss. — Tuesday afternoon, Katie Coon was unanimously approved by the Tupelo Public School District Board of Trustees as the new principal of ECEC, effective July 1.

Coon, a native of Corinth of who has been with TPSD for 17 years, graduated from Mississippi State with a B.S. in Elementary Education while earning her master's and specialist degrees from Delta State.

Her educational journey began at Joyner, where she spent five years as an assistant and Kindergarten teacher before transitioning to ECEC for seven years. For the past five years, she's been the assistant principal at Pierce Street, a thriving school that has earned an A-rating by the Mississippi Department of Education and was recently name a National Distinguished School, one of only 100 in the nation.

"I am honored to lead one of Tupelo's most invaluable resources, the Early Childhood Education Center," said Coon, who replaces Haley Stewart. "ECEC has an incredible legacy, and I look forward to working with the staff to strengthen the positive impact that the school has in our community and beyond.

She and her husband, Ryan, have a blended family of five kids, all students in the district.

"Mrs. Coon has worked intricately and extensively to support and serve the teachers, students and families of Pierce Street Elementary for the past five years," PSE principal Amy Tate said. "Katie's commitment to providing every student with an excellent educational experience will serve her well in this new capacity."

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