



### **Golding Named New Principal At Pierce Street**

**TUPELO, Miss.** — A familiar face within the Tupelo Public School District has been named the new principal at Pierce Street Elementary — Dr. Anthony Golding.

A veteran in many levels of the education field, Golding will make the transition after spending the last four years as assistant principal at Milam, where he was instrumental in helping reduce the disciplinary infraction count with the implementation of Capturing Kids' Hearts.

During a three-year stretch from 2020-22, Milam also received the prestigious Mississippi Association for Partners in Education Governor's Award.

A native of Union County, Golding replaces Dr. Amy Tate, who announced her retirement earlier this month after a 26-year career with the district.

"I am incredibly honored to be named the newest principal at Pierce Street Elementary School, and I am excited to begin serving the Pierce Street community," said Golding, the 2019 Chickasaw County School District Administrator of the Year. "The Tupelo Public School District is known for its standard of excellence, and I am proud to build upon that in my new role."

His educational journey began in 2013 as a secondary history teacher at Tupelo Middle School. He remained there for four years, while also serving as an administrative intern for three semesters.

In 2017, he was introduced as the principal at the Houlika Attendance Center, where he also served as transportation director and the athletic director. After a successful two-year stint, he moved to Milam.

“During his interview rounds, Dr. Golding did a great job of showing his vision for continued success,” TPSD Superintendent Dr. Rob Picou said. “I’m confident he will be a great fit at Pierce Street and will work diligently to meet the needs of the students, staff and community.”

After earning his bachelor’s degree from Mississippi State in 2013, Golding received his master’s from Ole Miss in 2015. In 2021, he completed his doctorate from Belhaven.

He and his wife, Caitlin, a 2013 graduate of Tupelo High School, have two children — daughter Lincoln (2) and son Rivers (1 month).

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