



Thrasher Named New Director of Bands

TUPELO, Miss. — Tupelo High School’s new Director of Bands has a familiar name — Dustin Thrasher.

Tuesday at the May Tupelo Public School District Board of Trustees meeting, Thrasher was promoted to director following the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Rob Picou and THS Principal Dr. Melissa Thomas.

Thrasher, a native of Ripley, has been the assistant director since 2019. He takes over for Cliff Moore, who resigned in April.

“I am truly honored and humbled to take over this program,” he said. “The Tupelo Band has a long history of excellence, and I am excited to be a part of that continued success. I, along with the band staff, will always strive to provide our school and community with a band program that upholds the integrity, success and reputation that so many have been a part of creating.”

After earning his Bachelor’s of Music Education from Ole Miss, Thrasher received his Master’s in Educational Leadership at Arkansas State.

Prior to his arrival to Tupelo, he worked with the band programs at Charleston (2011-12), South Panola (2012-14) and Calhoun City (2014-19).

He and his wife, Kayla, have a daughter, Everly Blake, a 2nd-grader at Joyner.

“Following an extensive search and interview process, we feel certain Mr. Thrasher is the perfect leader to take our excellent band program to an even higher level,” Thomas said. “Throughout his career, he has proven himself over and over again, and we are excited to have him in this leadership role. We look forward to the future.”