



Cartwright Tabbed New TMS Principal

TUPELO, Miss. — After leading Rankin Elementary to three MDE A-ratings in her six years as principal, Dr. Heather Cartwright found herself looking for a new challenge.

On Tuesday at its April meeting, the Tupelo Public School District Board of Trustees presented her with such a move by approving her as principal of Tupelo Middle School following the recommendation of superintendent Dr. Rob Picou.

She replaces Mark Enis, who was promoted to the same position at Tupelo High School.

“The past 6 years serving at Rankin have been the greatest honor of my career,” the Jumpertown native said. “I am deeply grateful for the relationships we’ve built and all the achievements we have celebrated together. I am incredibly excited for this opportunity to become principal of Tupelo Middle School.

“I have a passion for teacher and student success and am committed to continuing the tradition of excellence Mr. Enis has built. I look forward to supporting our students as they grow into confident, capable young leaders during these pivotal years.”

Cartwright, who earned her bachelor’s degree from Ole Miss, master’s from Delta State and doctorate at Southern Miss, is in her 16th year with the District.

Her educational journey began at Parkway, teaching first-grade for four years before transitioning to media specialist for another four years. In 2016-17, she was named assistant principal at Lawndale before taking over at Rankin in 2019-20.

In 2023, she was named the TPSD Administrator of the Year.

She and her husband, Clint, have two daughters — Ella, a 7th-grader at TMS, and Emmy, a 3rd-grader at Rankin.

“Dr. Cartwright has a proven track record as a principal leading an A-rated school,” Picou said. “She has a robust instructional focus and strong discipline, and I am confident that she will excel as principal of Tupelo Middle School and elevate it to new heights.”

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