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FORMER LEADER TO SERVE AS INTERIM PRINCIPAL

EDMONTON, Ky. (September 24, 2025) – Metcalfe County Schools has selected an interim principal at Metcalfe County Elementary School and is pleased to announce she is a familiar face to students, teachers, and the community.

Jamie Howard served as principal of Edmonton Elementary for more than four years before finishing her career at the district's central office and retiring in 2022. She takes over the leadership role from the inaugural principal of MCES, Michael Gill, who is retiring after eleven years at the helm.

"We certainly appreciate Mr. Gill, who leaves behind a legacy as the first ever principal of the merged Metcalfe County Elementary School," Superintendent Josh Hurt said. "I am thankful to have a professional of Mrs. Howard's caliber take over the principalship at MCES. She has a true passion for this community and our children, and I know she will work with staff to seamlessly bridge the gap as we begin the process of finding the next full-time principal."

Howard spent 16 of her 28 years in education at Edmonton Elementary School, where she held the roles of principal, counselor, and teacher. Since retiring as the district's director of instruction, she has gone on to serve in other educational capacities, including interim guidance counselor at Metcalfe County Middle School.

"Metcalf County is my home, and the students and staff of Metcalfe County Schools are my family," Howard said. "I will always do what I can to help move our district forward. I'm honored to have the opportunity to return and help MCES transition into its next chapter. Mr. Gill was a great leader, and I hope to continue building on his successes."

Mrs. Howard will be introduced at the next board meeting, scheduled for October 14. Before the meeting, the public is invited to a retirement reception for Mr. Gill, which will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the central office.

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