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Leadership Update for the Blytheville School District

Dear Blytheville School District Families and Staff,

We are writing to share an important leadership update with our school community.

Effective immediately, Dr. Vanessa Hopkins will no longer serve as Superintendent of Blytheville Schools. We appreciate Dr. Hopkins' service to the District and the Blytheville community and wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

Dr. Charlie Heaton will assume the role of Interim Superintendent of Blytheville Schools, effective immediately. Dr. Heaton will work closely with our principals and central office leaders to ensure a smooth transition and continued stability for our students, staff, and families.

In the coming weeks, Dr. Heaton and district leaders will also be scheduling opportunities for families, staff, and community members to meet and connect with him. Community meet-and-greet events are being planned for the weeks of October 19 and October 26, with additional details coming soon.

Our focus remains on the important work happening throughout Blytheville Schools and our continued commitment to supporting our educators, strengthening academic outcomes, and providing the best possible experience for our students and families.

To stay up to date on upcoming meet-and-greet opportunities and other district news, be sure to follow Blytheville School District on Facebook.

We appreciate the continued support of our staff, families, and community as we move forward together.

Blytheville School District