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Dr. Markeus Patterson Appointed Principal of Milan Middle School

Milan, TN — The Milan Special School District is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Markeus Patterson as the new principal of Milan Middle School.

Dr. Patterson brings strong instructional leadership experience and a deep personal connection to Gibson County. He grew up in Bradford, Tennessee, a neighboring community to Milan, giving him a firsthand understanding of the values, pride, and close-knit relationships that define small-town life in this region.

Throughout his career, Dr. Patterson has served as both a teacher and school leader in Memphis-Shelby County Schools, where he focused on academic excellence, positive school culture, and meaningful partnerships with families. He is committed to partnering with school leaders to strengthen instructional systems and improve student outcomes across grade levels. His leadership approach emphasizes stability, high expectations, and strong relationships that support both student achievement and personal growth.

During the selection process, Dr. Patterson impressed a panel of teachers, principals, and district supervisors with his enthusiasm and commitment to supporting both teachers and students. A former principal described Dr. Patterson as “resourceful, highly intelligent, level-minded, and well-rounded,” noting his ability to lead with both confidence and care.

“Gibson County communities value relationships, trust, and pride in their schools,” said Dr. Patterson. “Having grown up right here in the county, I understand how important it is for a school to feel like the heart of the community. I am honored to come home to serve Milan and lead Milan Middle School.”

Dr. Patterson looks forward to working alongside students, staff, families, and community partners to ensure Milan Middle School continues to grow as a place where students feel supported, challenged, and proud to belong.

Superintendent Dr. Versie R. Hamlett shared her excitement about the appointment, stating, “Dr. Patterson brings a strong commitment to students, families, and staff. His leadership experience and connection to this community make him a great fit for Milan Middle School, and we are excited to welcome him to the Bulldog family.”

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