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Franklin County Schools Names New Principals for Franklin County High School and Decherd Elementary

WINCHESTER, TN – Incoming Director of Schools, Dr. Roger Alsup, has officially named the new leadership for two of the district's campuses. Brittney Butner has been selected as the Principal of Franklin County High School, and Shaunna Fortier has been named Principal of Decherd Elementary School.

Both administrators have been currently leading their respective schools as interim principals. These selections highlight a commitment to leadership continuity and proven excellence within the Franklin County Schools system.

"Stability in leadership is vital for the growth of our students and the morale of our faculty," said Dr. Alsup. "Both Mrs. Butner and Ms. Fortier have stepped into their roles with a clear vision. They have already earned the trust of their staff and families, making them the ideal choices to lead these schools forward."

Brittney Butner – Franklin County High School

Mrs. Butner transitions into the permanent principalship at FCHS after serving as the school's Assistant Principal and Curriculum, Instruction, and Data Specialist. A former District Secondary Teacher of the Year (2021-2022), she brings a deep understanding of classroom excellence and instructional technology to her leadership. She holds an Education Specialist degree in Principalship from Arkansas State University.

"Having worked closely with Mrs. Butner, I have seen firsthand her commitment to the Winchester community and her focus on academic excellence," said Dr. Alsup. "As a former District Teacher of the Year, Brittney understands the importance of supporting our educators while maintaining a positive school culture."

"I am humbled and honored to be the next principal of Franklin County High School," said Mrs. Butner. "I love the faculty, staff, and students in our building, and I am excited for what we can all accomplish together. Thank you to Dr. Holman, Dr. Alsup, and members of the Franklin County Board of Education for trusting me with this opportunity."

Shaunna Fortier – Decherd Elementary School

Ms. Fortier has been a cornerstone of the Decherd Elementary community, previously serving the school as a K-5 Instructional Coach and a 5th-grade teacher. Her experience extends to the

district level, where she served as the K-8 District Math Coach, conducting instructional check-ins across ten different schools. She is currently pursuing her Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction.

"Ms. Fortier has been a vital part of the Decherd team for years," Dr. Alsup noted. "She brings a valuable perspective from her time as a District Math Coach, but more importantly, she has earned the trust of the families and faculty at Decherd. I look forward to her continued focus on student achievement and a stable environment for our youngest learners."

"I am deeply honored to continue serving the Decherd Elementary community, which holds such a special place in my heart, and to continue building a school where every student feels valued, supported, and empowered to shine today and lead tomorrow," said Ms. Fortier. "By strengthening relationships, uplifting our teachers, and partnering closely with our families, we will ensure every All-Star reaches their full potential."

The selections are effective immediately. Franklin County Schools invites the community to congratulate these leaders as they continue their dedicated service to the students and faculty of Franklin County High School and Decherd Elementary.