



## Haywood County Schools Press Release

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Haywood County Schools are pleased to announce administrative appointments for Sunny Hill Intermediate School and Student Options Academy as well as an assistant principal placement at Haywood Middle School.

#### Sunny Hill Intermediate School

Mr. **Chris McCorkle** will serve as principal at Sunny Hill Intermediate School for the 20-21 school year. Mr. McCorkle spent the 2019-2020 school year as the Assistant Director at our REACH Academy and Alternative Learning Center on the Sunny Hill campus. Mr. McCorkle received his Bachelor's Degree in History with Secondary Education from the University of Arkansas, Fort Smith. He received his Master's Degree in Educational Theory and Practice from Arkansas State University, and his Ed.S. in Educational Leadership: Principalship at Arkansas State University. Mr. McCorkle has taught multiple subjects in multiple grade levels for the past nine years. He completed two years with Haywood County Schools where he has taught 6th grade social studies. Before that, he taught at Ripley Middle School for four years where he provided instruction in 7th grade science and social studies. Mr. McCorkle has also taught grades 9-12 at Waldron High School in Arkansas. At Waldron High School, he taught many different classes including: Contemporary American History, World History, Economics, Physical Science and Credit Recovery. Mr. McCorkle and his wife, Olivia, reside in Brownsville, and they have two children who attend Haywood County Schools. Chris brings commitment, excitement, and passion for all students to his new role in HCS.

Ms. **Nicole Johnson** will assume the role of assistant principal at Sunny Hill Intermediate School for 2020-2021. Ms. Johnson is a native of Brownsville and a product of Haywood County Schools. She earned her Bachelor's of Science degree in Elementary Education at Austin Peay State University and a Master's in Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction from Trevecca Nazarene University. Ms. Johnson received her Instructional Leadership Licensure in October 2015. Ms. Johnson began her teaching career at East Side in 2010, teaching English Language Arts at the 4th and 5th grade levels. She served in this capacity until becoming the Instructional Facilitator. Nicole served as assistant principal at East Side Intermediate for the 2018-2019 school year and assistant principal at Haywood Middle School for 2019-2020. Nicole has worked with both the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade team of teachers, and she knows the students. She will be an asset for both at SHIS.

Ms. **Grace Fergie** will serve as the instructional coach at Sunny Hill Intermediate. Grace is a native of Brownsville and a Haywood High School graduate. She continued her education at the University of TN of Martin where she received her Bachelor's degree. She then went on to complete her Masters of Arts in



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Teaching degree from Bethel University and she completed her Ed.S. in Educational Leadership from Lipscomb University. Grace has been with Haywood County Schools for nine years where she has served as testing coordinator at Haywood High School and a kindergarten teach at Anderson Early Childhood Center. She and her family reside in Haywood County where her children attend school and are all lifelong Tomcats. Her passion for the community and students of Haywood County Schools is evident in her work and will encourage all students to be successful.

#### Student Options Academy

Mr. **Grover Harwell** will serve as the director of our Student Options Academy which will house REACH and alternative learning. Coach Harwell has been a teacher in Haywood County since August 2007, and he served as the assistant principal at Haywood Middle since the 2017-2018 school year. He holds a Bachelor in Business Administration from Lambuth University and a MBA from Webster University in St. Louis, MO. Coach Harwell completed his educational leadership work through Freed Hardeman University. Recently, he was as a Tennessee Educator Fellow for the Tennessee Department of Education through SCORE. In addition to his role as director of our Student Options Academy, Mr. Harwell will continue to be assistant athletic director for Haywood County Schools as well as an assistant coach for the HHS boys' basketball team. Coach Harwell and his wife, Martha, reside in Haywood County, and their daughter is a graduate of Haywood High School. Mr. Harwell will bring a renewed focus on mentoring and a strong belief in relationships to his role at the Student Options Academy.

Ms. **Paige Ferguson** will serve as the assistant director/instructional coach for our Student Options Academy. She has been in the education field for almost 30 years. Her experience spans High School, Middle School, and Elementary. She has worked as assistant principal at Haywood High School as well as an instructional facilitator for the past several years. She has lived in the Haywood County area (just across the county line) for 30 years. Mrs. Ferguson received her degrees from Lambuth University and has graduate hours above from Cumberland University. She comes from a long line of educators ... father, mother, sister, daughter, aunts, uncles, and several cousins ... you could say it is the "family business." She is married to Mark "Buddy" Ferguson, who is a retired Battalion Chief of the Jackson City Fire Department, and now works for the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Mrs. Ferguson has two daughters/son-in-laws and three precious grandchildren. Ms. Ferguson loves our Haywood Tomcats and she will bring organization and passion to her new role.

#### Haywood Middle School

Mr. **Terry McMillan** will be the new assistant principal at Haywood Middle School. Mr. McMillan has been an educator since 2012, and he has served as a history teacher and coach in Harrison County, KY,



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Lauderdale County, Haywood County, and Tipton County. In 2018-2019, Coach McMillan was a teacher and assistant football coach for Haywood High School. This past year, he taught history and coached at Munford High School. Mr. McMillan holds a B.S degree in secondary education from Union College and a Master's in Educational Leadership from Lipscomb University. From 2006-2015, McMillan served in the Army National Guard where he was an infantry officer, platoon leader during Operation New Dawn at Joint Base Bald in Iraq, bronze star recipient, and an instructor for Army Officer candidate school. Coach McMillan will also serve HMS in the role of middle school athletic director. McMillan's wife, Hollie, is a middle school math/science teacher at Halls Jr. High School, and they have two children. Coach McMillan is excited to return to Haywood County Schools to serve our Haywood Tomcats in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.