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Morgan Named Interim Principal at Jeter-Watson Intermediate

Cynthia Morgan has been named interim principal of Jeter-Watson Intermediate School, effective immediately.

The appointment was approved by the Covington City School Board during a meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

Morgan will continue to serve as principal at Edgemont Primary School while carrying out her new duties at Jeter-Watson. She replaces Rob Bennett, who retired as Jeter-Watson principal earlier this year. Kit Staunton, a guidance counselor, served as a principal designee at the school for most of the 2021-2022 academic year.

"It is my pleasure to see the school board name Mrs. Morgan as the interim principal at JWIS. She is an outstanding administrator and she has a wealth of experience in public education. She is dedicated to the success of her students. Mrs. Morgan will be a tremendous asset as we continue the transition towards our joint division," Covington City Schools Superintendent Melinda Snead-Johnson said.

Morgan has been the principal at Edgemont Primary School since 2016. She taught at Callaghan Elementary School in Alleghany County before being named as a shared assistant principal at Mountain View Elementary School and Clifton Middle School in 2011. She became an assistant principal at Mountain View in 2013 and served in that role until she joined Covington City Schools in 2016 after being named principal at Edgemont Primary.

"It is my sincere honor to be appointed the interim principal of Jeter-Watson Intermediate School. During the upcoming school year, we will focus on instruction, using data as we implement strategies to increase student achievement, and to provide students with exciting and challenging opportunities," Morgan said.

"We are committed to making a difference in the lives of our students. I trust the great educators at JWIS and value what they do on a daily basis. It will be a true privilege to work with them along with former students and their families," she said.

Morgan has worked in public education since 1997. She began her career as a kindergarten teacher with the Rockingham County Consolidated School System in Eden, N.C.

In 1998, she was hired to teach first grade at Boiling Spring Elementary School in Alleghany County. Morgan transferred to Callaghan Elementary School in 2004. During her time at Callaghan, she taught fourth and fifth grade language arts, fifth grade language arts and math, kindergarten, first grade and fourth grade.

Morgan graduated from Alleghany High School in 1993 and from Concord University in 1997. She earned a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Virginia in 2008 and received an endorsement in K-12 administration and supervision from James Madison University in 2010.

She is married to Dean Morgan, who works as a senior maintenance planner for American Airlines. Her daughter, Grayson Siers, is a rising 11th grader at Covington High School.

The Covington City School Board met Tuesday for its annual closeout meeting. It was the last meeting for the Covington City School Board. On July 1, 2022, Covington City Schools, Alleghany County Schools, and Jackson River Technical Center will merge and form Alleghany Highlands Public Schools.

The consolidated school division will serve approximately 2,700 students in Covington and Alleghany County. The school division will be jointly funded by the city and county.

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