

Draft: KINVO Message to Parents re: Houston Jones Move

Dear Paducah Middle Parents and Guardians,

Today we announced that Allene Houston Jones will be our new District Instructional Specialist. As District Instructional Specialist, Ms. Houston Jones will support our schools in the improvement of curriculum and instruction as the leader of the district instructional support team.

Ms. Houston Jones brings 27 years of experience in education, including seven years at Paducah Middle, and academic credentials that make her well suited to coach and support our faculty towards the goal of overcoming student learning gaps that have resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. I am pleased that she has requested this new role and welcome her to the district leadership team.

I am grateful for the leadership that Ms. Houston Jones has given Paducah Middle School over the past seven years, and I believe that she has assembled a highly qualified faculty and staff that is ready to help each student reach their highest potential. As we begin the search for a new principal, we will seek someone with the highest standard of skill, education, and experience who can build on the foundation that Ms. Houston Jones has begun.

The Paducah Middle SBDM council will begin the search for a new principal immediately; my goal for the current Paducah Middle SBDM Council is to have a new principal in place by June 30. The SBDM Council will be reaching out to you to collect feedback on the qualities, skills and experience that you would like to see in the next principal of Paducah Middle School.

Sincerely,

Dr. Donald I. Shively

Superintendent, Paducah Public Schools