



# ***Cannon County Board of Education***

***301 West Main Street      Woodbury, TN 37190***

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Mr. Derrick Mullins - District 3 – Vice Chairman;  
Mrs. Rebecca Tramel - District 2 – Chairman Pro Tem;  
Mr. Wade McMackins – District 1; Mrs. Jessica Curtis - District 4;  
Mr. William Freddy Curtis – Secretary / Director of Schools*

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **Cannon County Board of Education Selects Mrs. Bonnie Patterson as NEW Director of Cannon County Schools Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**Woodbury, TN** – The Cannon County Board of Education selected Mrs. Bonnie Patterson as the NEW Director of Cannon County Schools Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Mrs. Patterson was selected in response to the announcement in December 2022 that current Director of Cannon Schools – Mr. William Freddy Curtis would retire on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Cannon County Board of Education passed a motion in January 2023 to advertise the position until February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Board then in March 2023 narrowed the candidates to three (3) and conducted interviews. At the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Cannon County Board of Education Meeting, the Board voted unanimously to select Mrs. Bonnie Patterson with District 4 CCBE Member Jessica Curtis nominated Mrs. Patterson and District 3 CCBE Member Derrick Mullins seconded the motion, with all other CCBE Members, Mr. Wade McMackins – District 1, Mrs. Rebecca Tramel – District 2, and Chairman Mrs. Aletha Thomas – District 5 voting in the affirmative. Mrs. Patterson will assume office on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Upon her being named as the NEW Director of Cannon County Schools Effective on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Mrs. Bonnie Patterson stated, “I am humbled and honored to continue serving our Cannon County students.”

Mrs. Bonnie Patterson is a veteran educator for the Cannon County School system serving for over 40 years. Ms. Patterson has been a teacher at both the elementary and secondary levels, an Assistant Principal at Cannon County High School, and a Principal at Woodbury Grammar School. She currently serves as the Coordinated School Health Coordinator, Attendance Supervisor, and School Safety Director for the school district. Ms. Patterson was recognized as the 2019-2020 Upper Cumberland and the Middle Tennessee Supervisor of the Year by the Tennessee Department of Education, as well as the 2020-2021 Upper Cumberland Coordinated School Health Coordinator of the Year. She serves on multiple community boards and has served as the chairperson of the Cannon County Health Council for the past 10 years.

Retiring Director of Schools Mr. William Freddy Curtis stated, “I appreciate the hard work and diligence of the Cannon County Board of Education in their Director of Schools Search and Process. It will be my esteemed honor and privilege to work alongside Veteran Cannon County Educator Mrs. Bonnie Patterson in the transition process. Bonnie is a recognized leader in our Upper Cumberland Region, in the Middle Tennessee Grand Division, and across the State of Tennessee. Her service to Cannon County Schools as Elementary Teacher, Coach, High School Teacher, High School Assistant Principal, Elementary Principal, and System-wide Supervisor will be invaluable in her new role. She will be an outstanding Director of Schools for Cannon County, and I could not be prouder of the Board’s selection. The transition will be very efficient since Bonnie knows Cannon County Schools so incredibly well. I wish her my very best and stand ready to assist her in every way possible, even after my retirement on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.”



Tennessee Commissioner of Education Dr. Penny Schwinn presents Mrs. Bonnie Patterson - New Cannon County Director of Schools Effective 07-01-2023 with a plaque celebrating her being named as Middle Tennessee Supervisor of the Year in 2019.

For local media inquiries, please contact Mr. William Freddy Curtis, Director of Cannon County Schools / Secretary – Cannon County Board of Education (Thru 06/30/2023) at 629-201-4801 Extension 10101 or at [williamf.curtis@ccstn.net](mailto:williamf.curtis@ccstn.net) for local Cannon County Schools information.