



# FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

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## Hopkins to retire as director of schools

*Fayetteville, TN* – Bill W. Hopkins, Jr., director of Fayetteville City Schools, has announced his retirement from the school system, effective at the end of this school year.

Hopkins was an educator and superintendent for over 30 years in his native Alabama before joining Fayetteville City Schools as director in 2020.

“I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Fayetteville City Schools,” Hopkins said. “These are some of the best students I’ve ever been around. The board and the staff have never been anything but wonderful to me.

“I’ve reached a time in my life when I want to spend more time with my grandbabies and travel with my wife,” he said. “I feel Fayetteville City Schools is in great shape with personnel, as well as financially and academically. I feel comfortable that this is the time to go and be able to enjoy my family.

“I want to thank the community for accepting my wife and me being new to the area,” he added. “We have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Tiger family and plan on continuing to be a part of the Tiger family as fans.”

“The Fayetteville City School Board, administrators, teachers, and staff sincerely hate to lose Bill Hopkins as our superintendent,” said Mark Clark, chairman of the Fayetteville City School Board. “From Day 1, Bill was a Tiger, and in just three years under his leadership, our school system has accomplished much and has raised the bar in academic and extracurricular activities.

“Bill is a tremendously effective leader, and his love for our community and our school children is evident in everything he does,” Clark added. “I appreciate him immensely, both professionally and personally.

“Nevertheless, I have children and grandchildren of my own, and I can fully understand his desire to retire and have more time with them. As much as we regret losing him as superintendent, I know his wife, Shannon, and their children and grandchildren are anxious to have more time together.

“Bill’s shoes will be hard to fill, but I look forward to working with the board as we begin the process of filling this key position.”