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## **New Principal Hired for Jim Pearson Elementary**

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Alexander City, AL - Alexander City Schools is pleased to announce that Stephanie Brooks has been selected as the next principal of Jim Pearson Elementary School. Mrs. Brooks will be filling the position vacated by Angela Strickland, who announced her retirement at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

A graduate of Jacksonville State University, Brooks has over 21 years of experience in education. Brooks currently serves as an Assistant Principal of Benjamin Russell High School. Prior to that role, she taught special education for eleven years, kindergarten for four years and was an instructional coach for technology and reading for a total of five years. Stephanie and her husband, Robert, are the proud parents of Maggie Grace (16 yo).

"I am beyond excited and honored to be given this opportunity to be the Principal at Jim Pearson. I have had the privilege of serving as assistant principal at Benjamin Russell this past year and seeing students as they leave Alexander City Schools to begin a new chapter," noted Brooks. "I cannot wait to work with everyone at Jim Pearson as we begin with the end in mind, setting a strong foundation for our students."

"As a district, we always want to ensure that we find the candidate that has the skill set to fit the current needs of the school, who will embrace the values of our district," shared Interim Superintendent, Dr. Beverly Price. "We look forward to Mrs. Brooks's leadership at the elementary level."

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