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Ashley Watkins Named Principal of Bonaire Primary School



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Ashley Watkins was named the principal of Bonaire Primary School during a called meeting of the Houston County Board of Education held on June 30, 2022. Watkins currently serves as the Assistant Principal of Instruction at Westside Elementary School. Before coming to Westside, she taught fourth grade and kindergarten at Shirley Hills Elementary School. Watkins has been in education for 16 years, with 14 years served in the Houston County School District.

In 2016, Watkins was named the Teacher of the Year at Shirley Hills Elementary School and later received the honor of Houston County's District Teacher of the Year. She also received the Outstanding Assistant Principal Leadership Award for District 11 of the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals.

"I am beyond thrilled to serve and partner with the faculty, students and parents of the Bonaire Primary community," said Watkins. "I would like to thank Dr. Scott and our Board of Education for entrusting me to lead Bonaire Primary School. Together, we will continue to move Bonaire Primary on the path of excellence. Greatness really does start here!"

Watkins is a proud product of the Houston County School District and is a graduate of Northside High School. She earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of West Georgia. She also earned her Educational Specialist in Teacher Leadership from Walden University. She and her wonderful husband, Daniel, have three beautiful girls, Cami, Mati, and Mili.

For more information about Bonaire Primary School, visit <https://bps.hcbe.net/>.

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