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Houston County Board of Education Names Key Positions at the December Board Meeting

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Board of Education named Dr. Chris Brown as the next Deputy Superintendent and Dr. Walter Stephens as the next Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & District Operations. Brown and Stephens will begin these roles on June 2, 2025.



Dr. Chris Brown has worked in the Houston County School District for over 20 years. Brown currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & District Operations, and prior to that, was the Executive Director of School Operations. Before joining the District office, Brown worked in several schools in Houston County. He began his teaching career at Tucker Elementary School while coaching at Perry High School. He served as an Assistant Principal at Veterans High School before being named Principal in 2015.

"I am humbled and honored to be appointed as the Deputy Superintendent," said Brown. "I'm excited to continue giving back to the community and school district that helped shape me into who I am today. I am grateful to our Board, Dr. Scott, and Dr. Rogers for the opportunity to serve the Houston County family as we foster a nurturing environment that promotes high achievement and growth for all."

Brown received a Bachelor of Science in Education from Georgia Southwestern State University. He also earned master's and specialist degrees in Educational Leadership from Georgia College and State University. Brown received a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership from Columbus State University. Brown is a product of the Houston County School District where he graduated from Perry High School. He and his wife, Christina, have two daughters, Aubrey and Bailey, and a son, Caleb.

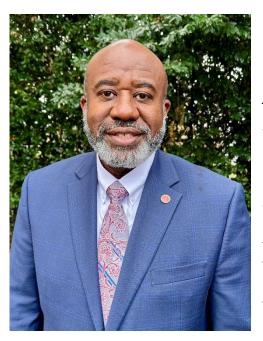
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Dr. Walter Stephens currently serves as the Executive Director of School Operations for the Houston County School District. Stephens began his teaching and administrative career at Twiggs County Comprehensive Middle and High School. In 2008, he joined the Houston County School District as an Assistant Principal of Northside High School. He served as Principal of Thomson Middle School until he joined the District as Director of School Operations in 2019.

"I am deeply humbled to be named the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & District Operations. I sincerely thank Dr. Scott, Dr. Rogers, and the Houston County Board of Education for this incredible opportunity," said Dr. Stephens. "I am excited to work alongside the exceptional Human Resources and Maintenance teams as we continue recruit and support personnel who embody the mission and vision of the Houston County School District."

Stephens is a native of Twiggs County and a graduate of Twiggs County High School. He attended Tuskegee University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. Stephens earned a Master of Public Administration from Southern University and A & M College and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Mercer University. Dr. Stephens and his wife, Renee, who is also a teacher in the District, have four sons: James, twins Joseph and Jordan, and Jonathan.

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