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Bonaire Middle School Teacher Selected for the Georgia Department of Education Teacher Policy Fellowship Program



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – William Cooper, a social studies teacher at Bonaire Middle School, has been selected for the Georgia Department of Education's Teacher Policy Fellowship Program. During the ninemonth program, classroom teachers will learn more about public education policy and policymaking.

Throughout the course of the program, Cooper will establish relationships with decision-makers at the local and state levels; meet with key stakeholders to help identify and share education policy; learn the various ways in which education priorities are advanced at the state legislative level, hear from policymakers, legislators, and experts from the Georgia Department of Education; and travel to Washington, D.C. to study education at the federal level.

Cooper received his associate's degree from Georgia Military College and his bachelor's degree from Georgia College & State University, where he majored in Middle Grades Education and holds a gifted education endorsement. With a passion for both learning and teaching, he enjoys traveling, spending quality time with his family, and actively serving his community. He has taught in the Houston County School District for five years and works to continuously make a positive impact on his students.

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