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## Richardson Named Principal at Nathaniel H. Stephens Elementary School

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Alexander City, AL - Alexander City Schools is pleased to announce that Lekishia Richardson has been selected as the next principal of Nathaniel H. Stephens Elementary School. Richardson will be filling the position vacated by Clifton Pace, who resigned last month.

A graduate of Auburn University at Montgomery with a degree in Childhood Education, Richardson went on to earn her Master's Degree from Troy University. Being a life-long learner, Richard also pursued and obtained her Education Leadership Certification from the University of West Alabama.

Richardson began her career as a second grade teacher at Southview Primary School in Opelika, AL. From there she became a fourth grade teacher and later an instructional coach at N.H. Stephen Elementary. Most recently Richardson has held the title of Assistant Principal at N.H. Stephens. Lakishia and her husband, John Richardson Jr., are the proud parents of Ruby, who is a first grader at Jim Pearson. They reside in Alexander City and are active members at Darian Missionary Baptist Church.

"I am excited to continue my leadership journey at Nathaniel H. Stephens as the new Principal. I plan to use the love and compassion that I have for SES to build a positive learning environment for our faculty, students, and parents." noted Richardson. "At Stephens, it's all about COMMUNITY!"

"Mrs. Richardson has been a teacher, reading coach and assistant principal at Nathaniel H. Stephens. She has a unique skill set and the experience to meet the current needs of the school." shared Superintendent, Dr. Beverly Price. "Above all, she has grown to love Nathaniel H. Stephens, the students, the faculty and staff, and the teachers. The passion she has for the school was evident in her interview! I have every confidence that she will be a dynamic leader."

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