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New West Hardin principal has ties to school

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ELMORE

West Hardin Middle School will have a new principal, who is familiar with the school, next school year.

During a meeting Friday, the school's site-based decision-making council chose Michael Elmore, a current assistant principal at James T. Alton Middle School, to become the school's new principal.

Elmore said he's looking forward to the job.

"I'm excited beyond belief," he said. "I look forward to great things at West Hardin."

West Hardin Middle School faculty, staff and parents were gathered in the school's library to celebrate the announcement with cake.

"I'm going to work as hard as I possibly can," he said.

Elmore started his teaching career in 1995 as a seventh-grade math teacher at the former Radcliff Middle School, according to Hardin County Schools. After a two-year stint there, he became a math teacher at Central Hardin High School until 2004. He then spent the next five years as an assistant principal at Hebron Middle School in Bullitt County Public Schools. He returned to Hardin County Schools in 2009 to teach math at West Hardin and left in 2014 to fill the assistant principal role at James T. Alton.

Elmore graduated from West Hardin High School in 1990 and Western Kentucky University in 1994. He also earned his master's degree from WKU.

Elmore said his family has a history at West Hardin. His grandfather worked as a custodian there. His parents, his aunts and uncles, himself and his children attended the school in Stephensburg.

“They have truly gotten someone who has a lifetime commitment to this area,” HCS Superintendent Teresa Morgan said.

Lanissa Elmore, a teacher at West Hardin Middle School and Michael Elmore’s wife, will transfer out of the school next year, Morgan said.

“He cannot be her supervisor,” she said.

Elmore will finish out his term as assistant principal at James T. Alton before becoming principal. Phillip Pike, interim principal at West Hardin, will return to his assistant principal role at East Hardin Middle School next school year.

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