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**MEDIA NOTIFICATION  
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**New Principal Named at Collierville High School**

Collierville, Tennessee (May 23, 2019) – Superintendent John S. Aitken is pleased to announce his appointment of Mr. Roger L. Jones, III as the new Principal of Collierville High School. Jones, who currently serves as Principal of Collierville Middle School, will replace Chip Blanchard, who is moving to Rossville Christian Academy as Head of School. Mr. Blanchard’s last day with Collierville Schools will be May 31<sup>st</sup>, and Mr. Jones will assume his new role on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Jones, who is completing his fifth year as Principal at Collierville Middle, previously served as Vice-Principal at Arlington High School, as well as Assistant Principal at both Arlington High and Collierville Middle. He began his career in public education in 2002 as a mathematics teacher at Schilling Farms Middle School in Collierville. He was selected by his peers as Collierville Schools “Principal of the Year” in 2018.

Jones holds both a Bachelor of Science in Education degree and a Master of Science degree in Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Memphis. He is a graduate of the Leadership Scholars Program at the University of Memphis and the Tennessee School Boards Association’s Prospective Superintendents Academy. He and his wife Jenell, a fifth grade teacher at Bailey Station Elementary School, are residents of Collierville. They have an adult daughter.

Collierville High School is the largest high school in the state of Tennessee by at least three measures: total acreage, total square footage for academic use, and total student population under a single roof. The current campus opened its doors in August 2018 to approximately 2,800 students. The school boasts classrooms, laboratories, a STEM-nasium, and a media center that are all state of the art; a cafeteria and an auditorium, each with seating for 1000 students; and unrivaled indoor and outdoor athletic facilities. The total construction cost was in excess of \$100 million.

Superintendent Aitken also announced the appointment of Ms. Anita Swindle as interim principal of Collierville Middle School for the 2019-20 school year. Swindle has served as an assistant principal at Collierville Middle since 2014, and previously served as a classroom teacher, assistant principal, and transportation supervisor in Shelby County Schools. She and her husband, James, who teaches English at Arlington High School, are residents of Collierville. Swindle has two adult daughters.