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Dye to return to Fox Chapel Middle as its new principal

Brooksville - Hernando School Superintendent John Stratton has named Tom Dye to be the next principal of Fox Chapel Middle School (FCMS) following the retirement of principal Carmine Rufa at the end of this school year. For Dye, the move marks a return to FCMS where he taught for 8 years prior to moving to Powell Middle (PMS) to serve as assistant principal and then taking over as Powell's principal in 2015.

After joining the Hernando School District in 1998 as a middle school social studies teacher, Dye's career path is marked by many years of experience within middle schools, both as a teacher and administrator. "Tom is a wonderful colleague and a leader who demonstrates compassion and understanding as he seeks to find solutions," said Gina Michalicka, Assistant Superintendent. "He knows how the middle school system works and he understands the middle school student."

Dye will officially begin at FCMS July 1 but will be on campus throughout the next few months to meet staff, students and parents. "Tom is a great listener and when you meet him, you can't help but notice his calm presence and his respectful nature," Superintendent John Stratton said. "He will be a great addition to the Tiger Team".

Photo attached.