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## Dr. Walter Stephens and Dr. Cheryl Thomas Named Directors of School Operations



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Board of Education approved Dr. Walter Stephens and Dr. Cheryl Thomas as Directors of School Operations during a Board meeting held March 12, 2019. Dr. Stephens currently serves as the Thomson Middle School principal, and Dr. Thomas is the principal at Quail Run Elementary School.

Dr. Stephens has been with the district for 11 years. He holds a doctorate from Mercer University, master's degree from Southern University and A&M College and a bachelor's from Tuskegee University. His wife, Annie, teaches gifted social studies and English

language arts at Northside Middle School. They have four sons: James, age 17, twins Joseph and Jordan, age 14 and Jonathan, age 11.

Dr. Thomas has been with the Houston County School System for 21 years. She grew up on a dairy farm in upstate New York in Brockport. After she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the State University of New York at Cortland, she worked as a flight attendant with American Airlines for three years. She received her master's degree from Georgia Southwestern as a reading specialist, and earned specialist and doctoral degrees in educational leadership from Argosy University. She began teaching kindergarten and then third grade at Miller Elementary, followed by second grade at Eagle Springs Elementary. Thomas is married to Dr. Ronnie Thomas, an agriculture teacher at Houston County High. They have two children – Grace, who is 17 years old, and Ronnie, who is 14.

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