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BOE Approves Hire of CCSD Chief of Police

Athens, Georgia — At its Thursday, June 2 meeting, the Clarke County Board of Education approved the hire of veteran law enforcement officer and long-time Clarke County School District Police Department employee Terry Reid as the district's Chief of Police.

Chief Reid, who has been the district's assistant police chief since 2018, had also held the title of interim chief since former chief Mark Sizemore's retirement in 2021.

"I'm humbled and honored to be given this opportunity to serve as Chief Of Police for CCSD," said Chief Reid. "It is with great gratitude and pride that I accept this position."

Chief Reid brings to the position nearly four decades of law enforcement experience and 24 continuous years with CCSD, where he was initially hired as a school resource officer (SRO) at Clarke Central High School in April 1998. Prior to his employment with CCSD, he was a patrol officer for the Athens-Clarke County Police Department from 1984-1998. He also spent time in local schools during his time with ACCPD, working as an SRO at Coile Middle School for five years and doing occasional support work at Clarke Central and the district's alternative school.

"From the candidate pool to the in-person interviews, Chief Reid's experience and connection to the Athens-Clarke County community stood out," said Dr. Garrick Askew, CCSD's Chief of District Services. "His knowledge of the community and the current structure, operations, and needs of our police department are assets as we move forward. I am excited about the future of our police department with Chief Reid at its helm."

"My 38 years of experience in law enforcement and 24 years as an SRO with CCSD have allowed me to gain experience that can't be taught," Chief Reid added. "Building trust and being transparent are the keys to success. I'll continue to promote the basics of honesty and transparency as the foundation of community trust. I will not shy away from having that hard and truthful conversation with parents that we must promote safe campuses for all. Lastly, I urge everyone to continue to support the sworn and unarmed officers who play a major role in our schools' successes, safety, and well-being."

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