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BOE APPROVES CABINET-LEVEL POSITIONS District Names New Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director of Student Services

Athens, Georgia — The Clarke County School Board of Education approved hires for two cabinet-level administrators to fill the positions of Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director of Student Services.

Mr. Byron Schueneman was promoted to the CFO role after serving as the district's Director of Accounting and Business Services. He also served as interim CFO when Larry Hammel resigned in July 2019. Mr. Schueneman holds a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Berry College and a Master's Degree in Accountancy from the University of North Carolina/Wilmington.

"Mr. Schueneman has demonstrated a deep knowledge of and dedication to our district," states Dr. Xernona Thomas, interim superintendent. "He was integral in managing this year's budget, and I am grateful he will stay on our team to continue to help guide our work."

The district is pleased to welcome Dr. Jillian Whatley as Executive Director of Student Services, the department previously led by Dr. Dawn Meyers, who resigned from the district in June. Dr. Whatley will begin work on September 8, 2020.

Dr. Whatley brings extensive experience as an educator (K-12 and post-secondary), counselor, psychologist, and coordinator of psychological services and behavior programs. She holds numerous degrees, including:

- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Education Leadership, Mercer University
- Specialist in School Psychology (Psy.S.), Gallaudet University
- Master of Arts in Developmental Psychology, Gallaudet University
- Master of Science in Education, University of Tennessee
- Bachelor of Science in Education, Miles College

"Dr. Whatley possesses the education, leadership experience, and communications skills that make her a natural fit for this role," stated Dr. Xernona Thomas. "Our students and families will be in great hands!"

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