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## Lakewood principal accepts role in HCS central office

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Shelee Clark

Lakewood Elementary School Principal Shelee Clark has been asked to serve as the new director of education development and student support for Hardin County Schools.

“I’m honored to serve Hardin County Schools in this capacity,” Clark said in a news release. “I will certainly miss my Lakewood family. This opportunity allows me to work with students, families and staff members from across the district and I’m truly excited to start.”

HCS Chief Operations Officer John Stith said the student services and human resources departments have grown, which required creation of a position that fit the needs of human resources and student services.

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“Mrs. Clark has the tremendous ability to build relationships with stakeholders and help children and families to become successful,” Stith said. “We are grateful that she is filling this role.”

Among her duties will be assisting with truancy and home visits. She will also oversee the Certified Perform Evaluation system, the HCS Grow Your Own program, new teacher training, the HCS Teacher Internship program and provide additional support to certified teachers who have received certification through the alternative route.

“We must immerse students in opportunities that allow them to become leaders,” Clark said in the release. “There are many ways to do that. Ensuring they have strong teachers and that they are building habits of consistent school attendance is critical to that mission. I’m looking forward to working with additional students, families and staff as they become exceptional leaders.”

Clark has been principal at Lakewood since 2011. Before that, she was the school’s assistant principal and a fourth-grade teacher.

Her career started as a special education teacher at the former Sonora Elementary. She also served as an academic resource teacher and gifted and talented teacher.

She is a graduate of Central Hardin High School and Western Kentucky University and holds a master's degree and Rank I in educational leadership from WKU and she is pursuing her doctoral degree from the University of the Cumberlands.

A search to will fill her position at Lakewood will begin immediately, according to the district.

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