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Paris High School and Middle School Administration System to be Restructured for the 2019-2020 School Year

For the last decade, one principal position has served as the principal for both Paris High School and Paris Middle school. The same can be said for the assistant principal. That position has also served a dual role for both schools.

The Paris Middle School and Paris High School have governance overseen by their own separate School Based Decision Making Council (SBDM), with one principal currently serving as chairperson for both councils.

During the April 16, 2019 regular scheduled school board meeting, Paris Independent School Board Members voted to restructure the high school and middle school so each school has its own principal. Each of those principals will serve as the chairperson of the School Based Decision Making Council of the respective schools.

Current high school and middle school principal, Jami Dailey, will continue to serve as principal of Paris High School, and current high school and middle school assistant principal, Bertha Johnson, will continue to serve as high school assistant principal. Terence Brooks, current middle school and high school Student Administrative Manager (SAM), will continue to serve as middle school SAM. The administrative structure will take effect on July 1, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year.

The hiring of a new middle school principal will go through the proper SBDM principal selection process. The middle school principal will be in place for the 2019-2020 school year, as Paris School District enters a new era for students.

Ken Bicknell, Superintendent of Paris Independent School District, complemented the Board of Education members in their commitment to continue making Paris Schools the best place for students. Bicknell also commented that the change in the structure will allow students and teachers to be more focused and accountable when it comes to continuous improvement with a principal at each school leading the process. With the restructuring approved by the Board Members, Bicknell expects to see even greater progress in supporting students and teachers as the district focuses on Empowering Lives.

Bicknell stated, "We have dedicated people; we are simply adjusting the structures and systems for long term, sustained success for the Paris School District."

On Thursday, April 18, 2019, in a special called meeting, the Paris Board of Education passed an adjusted administrative salary schedule to reflect the reduced administrator responsibilities.

Paris Board of Education Chairperson, Sharon Fields stated, "We have to do the best we can for our kids and our district to help our students succeed. " All motions were passed with a unanimous vote by board members.

The future is exciting for new opportunities in the Paris Independent School District.