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Metro Schools names Tony Majors Assistant Superintendent of Student Services

Clint Wilson to lead Glencliff High

NASHVILLE, TN (July 1, 2011) – Tony Majors, the 2011 Metro Nashville Public Schools High School Principal of the Year, is taking on a new challenge. Effective immediately, Majors will move from principal at Glencliff High School to serve as the Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, a position formerly held by Ralph M. Thompson who has retired.

"This job is demanding," said Director of Schools Dr. Jesse Register. "It takes commitment, patience, and sacrifice. Tony Majors exudes all of these, but he also shows genuine care for the students and staff.

Majors, a graduate of Antioch High School, began his teaching career in 1991 teaching physical education at Pembroke Pines Elementary in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. The following year he moved to Nashville and began with MNPS. He spent four years as physical education teacher, athletic director and principal designee at Haywood Elementary. In 1997, he ventured into high school grades as a World Geography and Lifetime Wellness instructor at Hillsboro High. From 1999-2004 Majors taught physical education and served as athletic director and acting principal at Rose Park Math and Science Magnet Middle. In 2004, he moved into full-time administration as assistant principal at Ewing Park Middle. In 2006, he accepted the assistant principal position at Glencliff High and was promoted to principal the following year.

"Mr. Thompson has left some big shoes to fill," said Majors. "While it's bittersweet leaving Glencliff, I am honored and eager to pick up where Mr. Thompson left off and continue working to make all Metro Schools positive learning environments for all students."

Under Majors' leadership, Glencliff High School earned the national 2011 Community Schools Award for Excellence and a Grammy Signature Schools Award. He has served as an expert panelist and guest speaker for numerous conferences and events around the country centered on building community schools and reform initiatives. Majors also served on the core planning team for Small Learning Communities, district policy and planning committees, and served as a member of the high school and middle school transformational leadership groups. He is a member of the Principal's Leadership Academy of Nashville, class of 2006.

Majors earned a bachelor's degree in K-12 education from Tennessee State University followed by a master's in education leadership from Trevecca Nazarene University.

Glencliff High gets new leader

Clint Wilson, most recently the assistant principal of curriculum and instruction at Antioch High, will assume the executive principal role at Glencliff High. Previous administrative positions within the district include assistant principal at Wright Middle and Stratford High.

Wilson also spent two years as principal of Lebanon High School, during which time he increased the graduation rate by 7.4%, raised four of five TVAAS areas, and earned a \$35,000 grant from AT&T for the school's freshman academy. He also served as a member of the implementation team for small learning communities in MNPS and is a graduate of the Principal's Leadership Academy of Nashville in 2005.

Other professional experience includes presenting at the national small learning communities conference this past June where he presented on designing an academy based master schedule, the implementation of effective professional learning communities, and the utilization of community support and resources. He has also led past professional development on data driven instruction, rigor in the classroom, and using common core standards to raise benchmark scores.

He plans on building on the many successes that Glencliff has experienced in the last several years and to bring a strong focus on transforming teaching and learning.

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