

Principal Position, Biographies

ID #31 - Mr. Richard “Dickie” Brown, the incumbent, is a native of Lee County and graduated from Smiths Station High School. He received a B.S. degree in physical education and biology from Jacksonville State University, a Masters’ Degree in Administration from Troy University, and a Specialist Degree in Administration from Auburn University. He is beginning his 47th year in education – 10 years as coach and teacher and 36 years as principal at Beauregard High School, just outside of Opelika. He has actively served on the AASSP Board for 20 years, the CLAS Board for eight years, and the Executive Class Board for one year. Mr. Brown has served on the AHSAA Legislative Council for 8 years and the AHSAA Central Board of Control for four years. On the national level, he has served as NASSP State Coordinator for eight years, and is currently serving on the NASSP Board of Directors and the Teachers’ Retirement System Board of Control. Some honors he has received are: State Principal of the Year (2006), AHSAA Making a Difference Award (2013), Smiths Station Hall of Fame (2006), BHS football field named Richard L. Brown Field (2006), and Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame (2014).

ID #32 - Mr. Thomas E. Jones began working in the field of education over 24 years ago after receiving his Bachelors in Science Degree in Business Administration in Human Resource Management from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. In 1997, he completed his Masters of Education from Alabama A&M University in Normal, Alabama. His first assignment in education was as a Special Education Aid. He later went on to serve the school with many other assignments including elementary teacher, supervisor of an At Risk Program and high school principal. He is currently the principal of the largest high school for the Lawrence County Board of Education and is the first minority to serve in that capacity.
