



## **Brendon Bell to Serve as Principal of Velma Jackson High School**

Madison County Schools is pleased to announce that Brendon Bell will serve as the next principal of Velma Jackson High School. Mr. Bell comes to the position with nearly 13 years of experience in education as a coach, teacher, and administrator.

“I am excited for the opportunity to join the Falcon family and to continue to build and grow on Velma Jackson’s solid foundation in academics, athletics, and the arts,” says Bell, “I am really looking forward to getting to know the students, faculty, parents, and community and building those relationships.”

Mr. Bell brings unique experience to the role of high school principal, having spent nearly a decade in law enforcement before beginning a career in education. Mr. Bell was sworn in as a Jackson Police Officer in 2001, where he served first as a patrolman and later as a detective. He also has experience working in the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics and the Hinds County Sheriff’s Department Reserve Unit.

During his years as a patrolman, Mr. Bell began his journey into education while working part-time as an assistant football coach at Lanier High School in Jackson Public Schools.

“I really enjoyed working with the kids, getting to know them and helping them stay on a path to making good decisions,” says Bell. This experience led him to pursue a new career path: education. To enable him to follow his dream, he completed his college degree at Jackson State University in 2009, and later earned his Master of Education in Leadership at Mississippi College. Most recently, in February of this year, he earned a specialist degree from William Carey University.

Mr. Bell comes to Velma Jackson from Madison County Schools’ Academic Options Center, where he has served as principal since 2018. Prior to that role, he worked as an assistant principal at Old Town Middle School. He also has experience teaching and coaching at Northwest Rankin High School and in Jackson Public Schools, including coaching the Cardozo Middle School football team to a city championship in 2012.

“Mr. Bell has distinguished himself as an educator who truly cares for students, both in and out of the classroom. We are delighted for him to take on this new role and bring his knowledge, skills, and talents to Velma Jackson,” said Superintendent Charlotte Seals.

Mr. Bell looks forward to becoming part of the Falcon Zone community and working to continue the great strides the school has made towards academic and athletic excellence.

“It’s a great day to be a Falcon,” says Bell, “I look forward to being part of the school’s continuing success.”