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DEER PARK---Deer Park ISD's Board of Trustees recently named Deer Park High School graduate Stephen Harrell as Deepwater Junior High's new principal.

According to Superintendent of Schools Arnold Adair, Harrell was the natural choice for the job. "Having worked at Deepwater for a few years, he has already developed the school and community relationships that are crucial for success in a junior high school," Adair said. "But being a good principal is about more than simply having worked at a school before. It's about being a good leader, knowing the instructional needs of the students, and knowing how to help teachers provide what's best for students. Mr. Harrell represents all of those traits and much more."

Harrell began his career in 1989 as a teacher/coach at Parkview Intermediate in Pasadena ISD. In 1991, he moved to Sam Rayburn High School in Pasadena, where he remained until 1996, when he was hired as a teacher/coach at DPHS-South Campus. He was named DWJH's assistant principal in May 1999.

In May 1989, Harrell earned his bachelor of arts degree from Sam Houston State University. He received his master of science degree from the University of Houston at Clear Lake in August 1995.

Harrell replaces Jimmy Meekins, who announced his retirement earlier this year.

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