

DEMETRUIS (DEE) DARNELL - JONES ELEMENTARY

The Bryan ISD Board of Trustees approved DemetrUIS (Dee) Darnell as the new principal of Anson Jones Elementary School during its June 15 meeting.

Ms. Darnell brings extensive instructional and leadership experience to the role, along with a strong commitment to the Jones Elementary community. In 2022, she was promoted to assistant principal, where she has since collaborated with the school's staff, students, and families to promote academic success and cultivate a positive school culture. Prior to serving in this role, Ms. Darnell served as an English Language Arts Instructional Coach in Bryan ISD for seven years.

Before joining Bryan ISD, Ms. Darnell served as an elementary school teacher in Hearne ISD, where she later advanced to the roles of Mentor and Master Teacher, where she provided professional development, evaluated instruction using established rubrics, offered feedback to support teacher growth, assisted with data and intervention efforts, and served on campus leadership teams. Through this experience, Ms. Darnell developed a strong foundation in instructional leadership and teacher development that has continued to shape her work as an educational leader.

Ms. Darnell earned both her Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Education in Administration from Sam Houston State University.

“We are incredibly excited for Ms. Darnell to take the reins at Jones Elementary and continue the outstanding work already taking place on the campus,” said Superintendent Ginger Carrabine. “Her passion for education, commitment to student success, and dedication to the Jones community make her the ideal leader for the Jones Panthers. We are confident she will continue building on the strong foundation of excellence established by the staff, students, and families at Jones Elementary.”

As principal, Ms. Darnell will lead efforts to support high levels of student learning, strengthen relationships with families, and continue creating opportunities for every student to thrive.

Bryan ISD congratulates Ms. Darnell in her new role and looks forward to the continued success of Jones Elementary under her leadership.