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Dr. DeArmas Graham, director of Secondary Education for the Nassau County School Board has been selected by Superintendent Dr. Joseph Joyner to be the principal of St. Augustine High School. His nomination will be presented to the St. Johns County School Board at their May 12 meeting.

Graham will replace Cathy Mittelstadt, who has been selected as Associate Superintendent for Student Services.

“Ms. Mittelstadt has the skills and passion and is the perfect leader to assume this new position,” said Superintendent Dr. Joseph Joyner. “Her love of students, all students, will guide her vision for Student Services.”

Graham has 20 years of experience in Duval and Nassau counties which includes roles as a teacher at Fletcher Middle School; assistant principal at Mayport Middle, Fernandina High and Yulee High schools; principal at Yulee High School and his current position as director of Secondary Education. He is responsible for implementing the Nassau County School District’s secondary educational program and goals through the development, planning and implementation of curriculum, professional development, school improvement initiatives, and administration evaluation.

“Dr. Graham matches the principal profile developed from staff and community input perfectly,” said Joyner. “I know, under his leadership, St. Augustine High School will maintain the excellence it achieves each year and he will continue to set the bar high in all programs of study and extracurricular activities.”

With a bachelor’s degree from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Graham also holds master and doctoral degrees from Nova Southeastern University. He has served as a part-time faculty/mentor for doctoral students at Capella University where he received the Stephen Shank Recognition Award which recognizes teaching or mentoring excellence by a faculty member for making a significant difference in a learner’s pathway to success.

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