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Surry County Board of Education Announces New EC Director

Dobson, NC - The Surry County Board of Education held its monthly meeting on Monday, March 4, 2019, and named Mrs. Amber Flippen the new Exceptional Children (EC) Director. Mrs. Flippen will replace Dr. Emily Summey who previously served in the role as Exceptional Children Director for 20 years. Since Dr. Summey's retirement in December 2018, Ms. Lydia Lovell has served as part-time, interim EC Director and will continue in that role until Mrs. Flippen fully transitions on June 1, 2019.

Mrs. Flippen comes to the directorship with 15 years of experience in education. She is currently principal of the Surry Early College where she has served for the past two years. Prior to this role, Mrs. Flippen was the assistant principal at North Surry High for three years, assistant principal at White Plains Elementary for four years, and an exceptional children teacher at Shoals Elementary for six years. Mrs. Flippen earned her Bachelor of Science from Winston-Salem State University in Special Education, a Master of Arts from Appalachian State University in Special Education, and an add-on license in School Administration from Appalachian State University.

"I will miss my Surry Early College staff and students. They are amazing! However, I am very excited to work with the exceptional children teachers in Surry County Schools, and to continue promoting the success of all students," shared Mrs. Flippen.

Superintendent of Surry County Schools, Dr. Travis L. Reeves stated, "The Board of Education and I congratulate Mrs. Amber Flippen on being named the new Exceptional Children Director. Mrs. Flippen is a child advocate and is very passionate about meeting the individual needs of all students. Having been an exceptional children teacher, she will also be an advocate for teachers. I look forward to working with Mrs. Flippen as she transitions into this new role, and we will begin recruitment efforts to find the best fit for the Surry Early College as soon as possible."

