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### Powell's new principal is part of the Panther pride

**Brooksville** – Alexandra Rastatter, current Powell Middle School (PMS) Assistant Principal, has been named as the school's new principal effective July 1st. Rastatter has been a school administrator at PMS since 2018 and takes over for Tom Dye who will transfer to Fox Chapel Middle this summer. Rastatter brings a variety of career experiences from her 20 year career with Hernando Schools, Rastatter has worked in a wide variety of school and district posts.

Alex began with the school district as a substitute teacher and quickly moved into teaching full time, translating complex math concepts into comprehensible instruction for middle and high school students with assignments at Nature Coast Technical (NCT) and West Hernando Middle (WHMS). Noted for her ability to translate student assessment data into effective instructional strategies, Rastatter spent four years as the Assessment teacher at WHMS before taking on the role of Coordinator of Program Evaluation at the district level.

Along with serving as the school administrator for the math and Exceptional Student Education departments at Powell and mentoring new teachers, Rastatter is a technology asset for the campus, having guided staff through implementation of new information systems and helping students navigate one-to-one tools. At the district level, Alex is respected for her contributions to several district committees, including the Achievement Gap and Pupil Progression Plan, and she continues to be sought out for districtwide initiatives. This year, Alex was also named as the district's Assistant Principal Leader of the Year.

"Alex is a fair, no-nonsense and determined instructional leader who demonstrates her commitment to forging positive relationships with staff, students and parents," said Superintendent John Stratton. "One of her core values is to be present. Alex makes time to be present at after-school enrichment activities, sharing the experience with students who spend a lot of time coordinating those activities."

\*Headshot attached