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HCS names director of special education

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Jessica Taylor, who has served as a special education teacher for six years in Hardin County Schools, has been named the district's new director of special education.

"Hardin County Schools is an excellent district and will continue to provide exceptional services for students," Taylor said Friday in a news release announcing her appointment. "I am excited to continue partnering with parents, teachers and administrators to increase outcomes for students with disabilities. Our special education department is a phenomenal team and I look forward to leading them for years to come."

Taylor is in her 17th year in education. She spent six years as a special education teacher at New Highland Elementary School; eight as a Hardin County Schools special education consultant and two years as a special education consultant for the Green River Regional Education Cooperative.

"Jessica is a perfect fit for this position," Chief Academic Officer Greg Sutton. "Her experience, demeanor and compassion for students are wonderful assets and they will help our students reach their full potential. Our special education department is in great hands."

Taylor replaces Kim Adkins who accepted the district's director of student services position earlier this spring. When Adkins was named interim director of student services in August 2020, Taylor became interim director of special education.

Taylor is a graduate of Western Kentucky University where she earned certifications in learning and behavior disorders, moderate and severe disabilities and director of special education.