



Dr. Matt Baker was appointed Superintendent of the Walton-Verona Independent School District on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, by a unanimous vote of the Board of Education.

Dr. Baker, a Kentucky native, brings 21 years of experience in education, with 17 years of experience in administration.

Dr. Baker's educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts, and a Master of Arts in Secondary Education from the University of Kentucky. Dr. Baker has also earned a Master of Arts degree in School Administration and a Doctorate of Education degree from Morehead State University.

Dr. Baker began his educational career in Lewis County, Kentucky, as a middle school and high school social studies teacher. He transitioned into the principal position in 2001 at Lewis County Middle School. Dr. Baker also served as the principal of Greenup County High School. While in this position, Dr. Baker was able to work with the staff at GCHS to improve graduation rates, academic achievement, and attendance. In addition, Dr. Baker led GCHS while the school was undergoing a 6 million dollar renovation, with student achievement continuing to increase during this time.

Most recently, Dr. Baker has served for 8 years as Director of District-Wide Programs for the Greenup County School District. In this position, Dr. Baker has worked with the central office staff to improve student achievement results for the district. He has worked to increase dual credit offerings for high school students, and has contributed to the Greenup County School District receiving accreditation from AdvancED for the first time.

A few of Dr. Baker's honors and awards include:

- KASA North Star Award
- Scottish Rite Fellowship
- Level 1 & 2 Awards from the Kentucky Council for Performance Excellence
- National Institute for School Leaders (NISL) Executive Development Program

Dr. Baker has been married for 20 years. His wife, Anne, is a clinical pharmacist. The Bakers have 2 children, Dane 14, and Mackenzie 17, who is graduating from high school in May and will be attending Northern Kentucky University this fall to study Biology. Dr. Baker also has a son, Kenton 27, and a daughter-in-law, Lauren, who have two children, Leah and Cade.