

DR. MELTON

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ondary Education from Alice Lloyd College, his masters in Secondary Education from Morehead State University in 1996, a masters in School Administration/Principalship from Union College in 2002, and earned his Doctorate of Educational Leadership from Morehead State University in 2016.

"I've been a principal. I've been an elementary principal, high school assistant principal, an elementary athletic director, a high school athletic director," Melton said at the time of his hiring last April.

"I've been a baseball coach, football coach, volleyball coach. I still drive a bus. I'm an old, regular Baptist preacher or minister," he said.

He has also officiated college and high school basketball.

"I have been made to feel at home since I got here and feel like I work with family everyday," Melton said. "One thing I've learned is life is unpredictable and I was offered an opportunity that was best for me and my family at this time in my career."

"I love Lewis County and only want the very

best for Lewis County in the future," he added.

Melton's beginning annual salary was set at \$125,000. The contract was for four years with Melton officially beginning his duties on July 1, 2024.

Dr. Melton replaced Jamie Weddington who retired at the end of the 2023-24 school year.

Board members went into closed session to discuss personnel matters but no action was taken when returning to open session.

The search for a new superintendent will soon be underway.

MEASLES

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The researchers add that small declines in measles vaccination would cause this to happen more quickly, whereas small increases in vaccine coverage would prevent this.

This decline in MMR vaccine coverage is occurring during the largest outbreak of measles in the U.S. since measles was declared eliminated in the country in 2000, according to the release.

As of April 24, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported 884 measles cases in 30 states in 2025, with

97% of the cases in unvaccinated people — and the numbers continue to grow. For comparison, there were only 285 measles cases reported in the US in 2024.

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory virus that can cause serious health complications, especially in young children. It spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes and can survive for up to two hours after an infected person leaves an area.

Early symptoms of measles include high fever, cough, runny nose

and red/watery eyes. A measles rash typically appears three to five days after the symptoms begin, usually on the face before spreading down the rest of the body.

Measles is so contagious that if one person has measles, up to nine out of 10 people nearby will become infected if they are not vaccinated, according to the CDC.

The two-dose MMR vaccine is recommended for children at 12 to 15 months old and then at 4 to 6 years old. The CDC says two doses of MMR vaccine is 97% effective against measles.

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