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## Vern Riffe's Martin tapped as new Ross-Pike ESD superintendent

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The Ross-Pike Educational Service District governing board hired a new superintendent Wednesday night.

Steve Martin, superintendent at Vern Riffe Career and Technology Center in Pike County, will begin his new job Aug. 1. After 35 years in education, current Superintendent Phil Satterfield at the end of August announced his intention to retire beginning Jan. 1. However, Satterfield will remain on board until Martin's contract begins.

Satterfield feels Martin will be a good fit for the ESD, especially because he has prior experience working in an educational service district.

"He's a very well-rounded individual. I think he'll do an excellent job," Satterfield said.

Martin served as a secondary supervisor at the Pike County Office of Education in the 1990s before and after the name change to an educational service center and merger with the Ross County office.

"I like to serve people, I like to help folks, and I like the concept of the ESC helping districts," Martin said.

Martin feels Satterfield and predecessor Ronda Frueauff both were effective leaders of the district, which provides shared services to area districts at a shared cost.

"I want to continue to look for ways for districts to save money and help districts provide quality services," Martin said, adding he is honored to have been selected for the job.

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