

# Clinton Public School District honors seven retirees

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The Clinton Public School District had seven employees retire from Clinton schools and departments this year.

"It's been a joy and a privilege working with these outstanding educators," said Dr. Tim Martin, superintendent. "Through the years, they have touched the lives of thousands of students, and their contributions to our community cannot be measured."

The 2017-18 retirees are:

**Tammy Gooden, teacher, Northside Elementary**

Gooden worked for Northside Elementary for twenty-eight years, where she taught third grade for twenty years and second grade for eight years.

She and her husband, Isaac Gooden Jr., have one son, Isaac "Trey" Gooden III, a 2015 graduate of Clinton High School. Their daughter Tamera is a 2018 CHS graduate.

Gooden is a member of Tabernacle of Praise Baptist Church, where she is the Youth Group instructor and a member of the praise team and choir.



Tammy Gooden

"After retirement, I plan to relax for a while," she said. "I also have plans to visit my brother, who is stationed in Germany. I know that I will be involved in something associated with education, because it's my calling. Once a teacher, always a teacher. Arrows for life!"

**Terry Harris, Director, Transportation Department**

Harris worked in the Clinton Public School District more than twenty-six years. He began his career as a police officer with the city of Clinton in 1991 and served as the district's D.A.R.E. officer for more than seventeen years before transitioning to his current position as Transportation Department director.

He worked tirelessly over the years to ensure that students arrive to and from school safely. He is thankful for the many people who contributed to his success, including family, friends and co-workers.

He is married to Sharon Harris, and they have two children, Terrence and Myia. He is deeply devoted to family and friends. He attends Greater



Terry Harris

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Pearlie Grove Baptist Church, where he serves as deacon, Sunday school teacher and works on the security ministry. He enjoys hunting, riding his motorcycle and spending time with family and friends. After retirement, he plans to continue dedicating his services to others.

**Pam Price, teacher, Clinton Park Elementary**

Price was a teacher for twenty-six years. She is married to Edwin Price, and they have two children, Nikki and Louis.

"I started teaching preschool at First Baptist Church in Clinton with a wonderful mentor, Mrs. Wilda Buckley," she said. "I then went to Richland Elementary, where I taught as an interventionist, kindergarten and first grade teacher for a combined ten years. I have taught at Clinton Park Elementary for sixteen years."

Several years at Clinton Park were devoted to teaching first grade, but most were spent as a kindergarten teacher.

After retirement, she plans to continue giving back to the community



Pam Price

and continuing to nurture children by rocking and comforting babies at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

**Robert Stewart, teacher, Clinton High School**

Stewart worked in Jackson Public Schools for thirty-five years and in the Clinton Public School District for seven years. He is married to Evette Stewart.

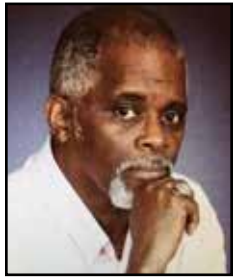
**Elizabeth Shepherd, counselor, Northside Elementary**

Shepherd worked in education for twenty-five years, including the past six years at Northside. She holds a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in school counseling. She is a National Board Certified Counselor.

She and her husband, Walt, have been married nearly twenty-five years and have three children. They live in Flora and attend First Baptist Church of Flora.

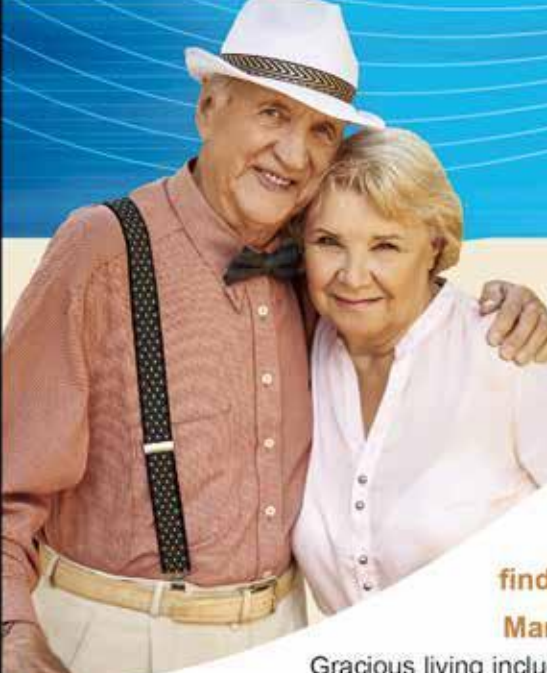
"After retirement, I will be joining my husband and our oldest son to help our family businesses, which in-

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Robert Stewart

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