

Middle School gets native son as vice-principal



Milton Bush

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You can add auditoriums and gymnasiums, move offices around, even put on a new brick face, but you can't remove the familiar feel of your old high school.

That's what Milton Bush discovered when he walked down the halls of Nottoway High School 34 years after he graduated from what was then Luther Foster High School.

"It means a lot to be able to come back and return something that was given to me," Bush said, reflecting on why he has accepted a job here.

Now the new vice-principal of the Nottoway Middle School, Bush has come full circle. "My parents live just down the road on 460," he said, when asked where he grew up. Bush is staying with his parents and driving back on weekends to his home in Caroline County.

Like a river arriving at its destination, Bush comes loaded with the rich soil of experience his

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career collected as it grew from his first job teaching at the Hanover Learning Center. In short time he was promoted to vice-principal, and he has been vice-principal ever since as he passed from Learning Centers to public school positions in Caroline County, Charles City and Goochland.

The positives, to name the ones he values, he brings to Nottoway are compassion for kids and a background in curriculum and discipline programs. "I believe whatever is done must have love in it," he said, picking love as the most important of these.

Even the bus drivers will be happy with Bush. He even picked up some experience from that field, too. "I'm a bus driver myself," he said proudly.

Bush seems to be ready for the unexpected turns in the course of each day and each career. When told it was time for a picture, he said he wasn't dressed—but that he kept a tie in his car for times like this.

Bush's stepfather and mother are Mr. and Mrs. Mallory Coleman.