



Staking A Claim in Our Students' Future

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Guthrie Public Schools Mourns the Loss of Longtime Educator

Guthrie Public Schools was informed late yesterday of the death of longtime educator Earl Sykes. He was a 1970 graduate of Guthrie High School. Sykes began his service to the district in 1975 continuing until his retirement in 2004. From 1975-78, he taught Social Studies at Faver and Guthrie Junior High, he taught American History at Guthrie High School from 1978-81. From 1981 until his retirement in 2004, he served in various administrative capacities at Guthrie Junior High and High School including Athletic Director and Principal.

Quotes from Dr. Mike Simpson, Superintendent of Schools:

Early on in my time as superintendent, I reached out to Mr. Sykes for his counsel given the legacy he established in our school system. His love of the Bluejays continued well into his retirement with his presence at events. When he had no connection other than supporting those Bluejays he loved, his priority was to simply be present as a supporter. We will miss him and his unfailing support of our school system. Our collective hearts go out to his wife Beverly and his children Amy, Jillian and Kyle.

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