

Frederick L. Bartholomew, Jr. affectionately known as Mr. “B”, Fred was born in Warren County and graduated from Graham High School in Warrenton. During high school he was all conference in football and baseball.

After high school he attended and played baseball at Louisburg College. Following graduation from Louisburg, he later attended East Carolina College where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. He received his Masters degree in Educational Administration from East Carolina University in 1996.



Fred Bartholomew officiated high school basketball and baseball games in the 1960’s and also played semi-pro baseball with several organizations. He began his teaching and coaching career at Smyrna High School where he received Coach of the Year in both basketball and baseball. In 1964 he initiated the football program at Smyrna High School.

Mr. “B” moved to Princeton in 1970 and became the principal of Princeton High School. During his 28 years as principal, he initiated many educational and athletic programs for both middle school and high school. He was instrumental in establishing one of the first two sports medicine programs with a Nationally Certified Trainer in the Johnston County School system.

During his tenure, he oversaw construction of a new football field, renovation of the high school gym and construction of the middle school gym. He also helped with tennis courts, two new baseball fields and softball fields with lights and irrigation as well as a new field house.

Mr. “B” has held various leadership positions within the Carolina 1-A conference and served on the Board of Directors for NCHSAA from 1982-1986 as well as the NCHSAA Executive Committee during the same time.

Fred Bartholomew was elected to the Johnston County School Board in 2000 and served as chairman from 2002-2007. He has played an instrumental role in ensuring that the district’s construction program forged ahead, leading the cause for two successful bond referendums. He was elected to the North Carolina School Board Association as an All State Board Member.

Mr. “B” still resides in Princeton with his wife, Deanna. He is the proud father of three children and grandpa to four.