

January 7, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Pike Road Schools Staff:

Dr. Ledbetter has notified the Pike Road Schools Board of Education that the Pelham City School Board of Education has hired him to serve as its next Superintendent. However, to help ensure a smooth transition, Dr. Ledbetter will continue serving as Superintendent of Pike Road Schools through June 1st.

Dr. Ledbetter has been a true leader in supporting the growth of our young system. During his tenure, many great things have been accomplished, including the passage of a tax referendum to support building a new high school; transitioning from one school campus to three; ensuring access to facilities for performing arts, athletics, central office administration, transportation, and maintenance; recruitment of strong academic and administrative leaders at each campus; completion of multiple capital improvement projects; graduation of our first two senior classes; significant growth in academic performance; and great success and accomplishment among our athletic teams and band. He has successfully carried out the school system's strategic plan over the past five years, even throughout the pandemic.

Dr. Ledbetter's tenure as Superintendent has helped prepare Pike Road Schools to welcome future growth and to achieve our mission of creating a culture of intellectual curiosity where all students have ownership over their learning and are inspired to think, innovate, and create. The Board thanks Dr. Ledbetter for his service to the school system, students, families, and community. We wish him and his family the best.

The Board has initiated the process to identify Dr. Ledbetter's successor and is collaborating with the law firm of Bishop, Colvin, Johnson & Kent who will serve as a contact for interested applicants and accept applications on its behalf. In compliance with Alabama law, the Board will post a notice of vacancy for thirty days. The Board plans to post this notice after its January 24th meeting and intends to complete its search no later than mid-April.

Pelham City Schools is fortunate to take their next steps under Dr. Ledbetter's leadership. My fellow board members and I look forward to the upcoming process as we work to identify the academic leader who will join us for our next steps in Pike Road.

With sincere appreciation for your support.

Cacyce Davis, President
Pike Road Schools Board of Education