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TOWN OF PIKE ROAD ACHIEVES SETTLEMENT, CLARIFIES SCHOOL PLANS

Coinciding with the judge's order which officially settled the lawsuits between the City of Montgomery and the Town of Pike Road, the Pike Road Town Council adopted a resolution to provide a clear direction as to the municipality's plans for a school system.

Wednesday night, December 22, 2010, the Town of Pike Road officially established a public school system and board of education during their town council meeting. The resolution that established the school system and board also provides for the appointment of the five-member board. Board members will serve five-year terms. Further, Mayor Gordon Stone announced a projected opening in 2015 for the K-8 portion of the municipal school. The town will soon begin the process of determining the specific characteristics and qualifications they are seeking in board members. No definite timeline has been set for the actual appointments to occur.

"It is very important that the status of the Pike Road school project be clarified along with the settlement agreement. Achieving definitive boundaries and solidifying revenue streams is good for all Pike Road projects, especially the school. The establishment of the Pike Road School System is a goal to which the people of this community have been striving for years," said Mayor Gordon Stone.

The council's action follows the settlement of legal disputes with the City of Montgomery. The settlement agreement, ordered by Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge Gene Reese, fixed the corporate limits of the Town of Pike Road and the City of Montgomery.

The settlement also created a special tax district containing major retailers on Chantilly Parkway. A 3.5% sales tax within the district will be split between the two municipalities and will help fund the Pike Road School System and other town programs.

Another significant occurrence allowing the town to proceed with the opening of the school is the certification of the town's population. On December 30, 2009, the Town of Pike Road officially finished a certified census of its population. According to the Alabama Code city with census results exceeded 5,000 citizens, is eligible to form its own municipal school system. The census revealed a population of 5,168 people within the Town of Pike Road. Therefore, the town has met the requirement for establishing a school system.

The Pike Road School is projected to open in 2015 with kindergarten through eighth grade and a high school following within a few years. Since the closing of the Pike Road Consolidated School in 1970, students from the Pike Road area have attended various schools within the Montgomery County system. The Pike Road School System will serve the more than 30 neighborhoods within the Town of Pike Road's corporate limits.

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