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HIGH VOTER TURNOUT RESULTS IN CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR TOWN OF PIKE ROAD, ALABAMA

Voters in the Town of Pike Road went to the polls Tuesday to choose whether or not to increase property taxes within the town limits to fund the establishment of a municipal school system. Of the 49.5 percent of registered voters casting ballots in the election, 55.4 percent voted in favor of the town's plan to provide a funding stream for the Pike Road school system.

"The result of today's voting allows the people of Pike Road to move forward with the school plans that they have worked to develop for the last six years. It says that the people of the Town of Pike Road share the vision of a community school known for excellent, innovative teaching, discipline in the classroom and local control over education decisions," said Mayor Gordon Stone. "I am so impressed by the voters of this town, who realized the magnitude of this decision and turned out in such large numbers to cast their ballots. This is a great story of democracy in action and makes a huge statement about the people of Pike Road."

Construction of the school is projected to begin in 2014, with doors opening on a K-8 facility in the fall of 2015. Before any of these steps take place, however, a school board must be appointed to carry out the work of the school system.

Quality in public education was identified as one of four "pillars" of citizens' vision for the Town of Pike Road during a public visioning session in 2005. In 2006, a citizen committee was formed to begin researching the process of establishing a school system and identifying the best curriculum model for that system. The committee's work forms the foundation of the Pike Road school plan, which is based on a Professional Development School model.

Numerous documents outlining the school plan's process can be found on the town's website, www.pikeroad.us. For more information, please contact Gordon Stone or Charlene Rabren at 272-9883.

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