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RICHARDSON TO LEAD PIKE ROAD EDUCATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Mayor Gordon Stone announced this evening that Dr. Ed Richardson, former state superintendent of education and president of Auburn University, will serve as executive director of the newly formed Pike Road Education Leadership Council (PRELC). Richardson will serve as a consultant and advisor to the citizen group, guiding the municipality through the next steps of establishing a public school system.

Members of the council are Town of Pike Road residents Pat Harris, Willie Madison, Tellisa Meyers, Rob Steindorff and Jason Wingate. The mayor will also serve on the council, which will guide and assist the municipality in the separation negotiations with Montgomery Public Schools, in laying the groundwork for school financing and with the preliminary stages of construction of the initial K-8 facility. The PRELC will also guide the process of school board selection and will assist with other education-related projects.

"I am extremely pleased to announce that the Town of Pike Road has taken an additional step that will compliment the formation of the PRELC by securing the services of Dr. Richardson," said Stone. "His expertise and level of experience will allow the Pike Road school system to have the best possible input, guidance and direction that can be found in the State of Alabama."

"I commend the Town of Pike Road for the extensive planning that has been done in preparation for this school system up to this point," said Richardson. "To start a school system from scratch gives an opportunity very few communities have, and I am looking forward to being part of the process."

The Town of Pike Road established the Pike Road school system in December 2010, and residents voted to approve an ad valorem tax to fund the school system in October 2011. The school is slated to open in fall 2015.

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