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DR. PHILIP CLEVELAND NAMED INTERIM STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

Montgomery, Ala. - At the Alabama State Board of Education meeting today, Dr. Philip Cleveland was appointed as Interim State Superintendent of Education.

“I am honored to serve at the pleasure of the State Board of Education as the interim superintendent. My focus will be improving efficiency in state government and providing increased support for K-12 children of our great state,” said Dr. Cleveland.

Dr. Cleveland holds a bachelor’s degree from Auburn University in Agriculture Business and Economics, a master’s degree from Auburn in Agriculture Education, an A.A. from Alabama A&M University in Agribusiness Education, and an Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

Dr. Cleveland served as an Agriscience Education teacher, Career Technical Education Director, and High School Principal. His postsecondary experiences range from serving as the Vice President for Learning and Dean of Applied Technologies at Wallace State Community College, to the position of interim Community College President of Chattahoochee Valley State Community College.

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The board accepted interim superintendent applications from March 14-25 and posted the submitted applications from March 28-April 14. The board requested resumes and a letter of intent from all applicants. The interim superintendent cannot apply for permanent position of state superintendent. The interim is allowed to serve (2) six month terms, if desired by the Alabama State Board of Education.

During today’s work session, the board members discussed the search for a permanent superintendent. An application with pertinent information will be posted to www.alsde.edu by April 18 and applications are to be received by June 6, 2016.