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Alabama State Department of Education

Montgomery Ala. – Alabama State Superintendent of Education, Michael Sentance, announced today that Dr. Dee Fowler, Superintendent of Madison City Schools for the past nine years, will come on board at the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) as Chief of Staff to the State Superintendent. Fowler is a veteran educator and superintendent with more than 40 years in education.

Fowler, who recently applied and was one of six finalists for the State Superintendent of Education position, is expected to begin work on Thursday, December 1, 2016. Sentance said his decision to ask Fowler to head up many of the day-to-day operations of the ALSDE is a result of Fowler’s experience, proven leadership ability, and willingness to serve. He said the position of Chief of Staff covers a variety of duties, including but not limited to, the coordination of all ALSDE sections, oversight of internal initiatives and financial and legislative dealings.

“We are very excited that an educator as distinguished and accomplished as Dr. Dee Fowler would agree to assist our efforts to improve public education in Alabama. We are looking forward to his experience and wisdom guiding our work.”

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Sentance continued, “Dr. Fowler is a distinguished educator whose commitment to the field of education is measured, not only by his extensive work experience or the host of honors, awards and distinctions that have been levied upon him,” Sentance said. “The impact his work has made on the students of Madison City Schools, his collaboration with parents and educators, and his ability to provide structure and efficiency all give me great confidence in his role at the Department.”

Fowler has worked for both Madison County and Madison City Schools serving as a classroom teacher, assistant principal, principal, director of administration/operations and personnel, assistant superintendent, and superintendent. Fowler’s educational background includes a bachelor’s degree from Lipscomb University; a master’s degree from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University; AA Certification from Alabama A&M University, and a Doctorate in Education from The University of Alabama.

Fowler said while he will miss Madison City, he is looking forward to working with the Department. “I am very excited at the opportunity to work with Mr. Sentance. He has a new perspective on education in our state, and it is very easy to see that he has committed himself to our students and teachers.” Fowler said. “Madison City Schools has been an integral part of my personal and professional life since the inception of the district. Leaving this position is like leaving home. I have been blessed to work with such a wonderful and loving community, teachers, and staff.”

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