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Montgomery, Ala. – [Michael Sentance](#) is eager to begin his role as Alabama’s new State Superintendent of Education.

The Alabama State Board of Education voted today to offer Sentance, a long-time consultant on Education Policy and Improvement, a salary and benefits package that includes \$198,000 per full year of employment, as well as incentives such as the use of a car, monthly housing allowance, and up to \$5,000 annually for professional development.

[Sentance](#), who was present during the Board’s vote, said he is grateful for the opportunity to serve. His first day on the job is Monday, September 12, 2016.

“I want to thank the Board for their vote – I hope to be worthy of their confidence. I know there is a great deal of work that I have to do in the state in order to earn the trust and respect of educators. I intend to get to work on that as soon as I can,” Sentance said. “My goal here is to raise the level of achievement for students in Alabama. I want people to know Alabama’s schools are good and improving.”

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As an education consultant, [Sentance](#) has worked with state, federal and local officials, and advocacy groups on strategies to improve public education. He has also served as the President of Education Reform Strategies for Tribal USA; as the New England Regional Representative for the U.S. Department of Education; and as the Senior Education Advisor to the Governor of Massachusetts. A graduate of Georgetown University, Sentance earned his Juris Doctor from Duquesne University of Law, and his Master of Laws from the Boston University School of Law.

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