

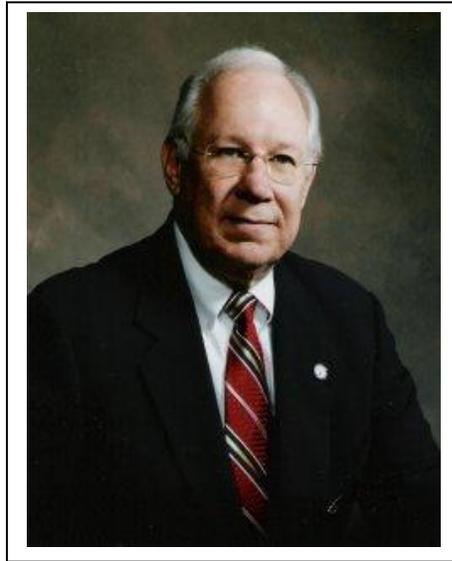


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John A. Phillips, Jr., Ph.D. to Return as Interim Superintendent

(COLUMBUS)-The Muscogee County Board of Education selects Dr. John A. Phillips, Jr. as Interim Superintendent for the Muscogee County School District. At a Called Board meeting on Monday, June 25, 2012, the Board voted to approve a contract for Phillips effective July 1, 2012.

“It is my privilege, once again, to serve the Muscogee County School District,” said Dr. John Phillips.

The lifelong, educational leader previously served as Superintendent for five years for Muscogee County School District from January 6, 2003 to July 30, 2008. He also served as Interim Superintendent from September 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

“Some people would ask why I have chosen to come out of a blissful retirement,” added Phillips. “I believe that it is a civic responsibility to assist where I can. It is a professional obligation after having invested nearly six years of my professional career in the district, and it is my personal desire to assist the district since my grandchildren are either being educated in the district presently or will be. I look forward to passionately serving the staff, teachers, school board and most importantly, the students.”

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Phillips' appointment comes after the current Superintendent, Dr. Susan C. Andrews, announced her retirement, which is effective June 30, 2012. Andrews last day on the job is Friday, June 29. Phillips' official first day on the job is Monday, July 2, 2012.

Meanwhile, a planning meeting with the firm charged with the superintendent search, McPherson and Jacobson, L.L.C. is scheduled for Monday, July 9, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public, with the exception of any executive session at the Muscogee County Public Education Center located at 2960 Macon Road.

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