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Fulton County Schools Board Votes to Appoint Looney as New Superintendent

After an extensive national search, and an engaging public input period, the Fulton County Board of Education voted today to name Dr. Michael “Mike” Looney as its next Superintendent.

“Dr. Looney’s experience and approach are the right fit for our schools at the right time,” said President Linda Bryant. “We have great confidence and optimism in his abilities. He has shown the willingness to be transparent, listen to the community, comes with a track record of results in student achievement, and is thoughtful in his approach toward teaching and learning, the most important role of the Superintendent.”

During the special called meeting, the Board voted to approve a three-year contract with Looney. He will begin his duties in Fulton County on June 17, 2019.

“As I was going through the interview process, I heard from the Board how incredibly talented Fulton County students are and about the dedicated teachers, principals and staff. When I visited, I saw this firsthand and became even more excited about serving this community,” said Looney. “I plan to spend the first 90 days getting to know the people and digging deeper into Strategic Plan 2022. There is a great deal of outstanding effort going on and a vision already in place. My first job will be to evaluate what is working well and what challenges Fulton Schools have to tackle in order to improve for the future.”

Currently the Superintendent of Schools in Williamson County, Tennessee, Looney has been a superintendent for almost 14 years in total and has over 25 years of experience in education. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Looney started his educational career as a substitute teacher. He has served as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and assistant superintendent. He earned a Doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Alabama and holds two Masters degrees in Education Leadership Endorsement and Education from Jacksonville State University. In 2015 Looney was named Tennessee Superintendent of the Year by his peers.

To learn more about Dr. Looney and to see an overview of the Board’s search process, please visit the FCS Board’s website [Superintendent Search Update](#).

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About the Fulton County School System. The Fulton County School System is the fourth largest school system in Georgia. More than 95,000 students attend 106 schools in the cities of Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Sandy Springs, South Fulton and Union City.