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BCSS Moves Forward with Superintendent Search

[Winder, Georgia, April 26, 2024] After our extensive process to identify the next superintendent of the Barrow County School System, the Barrow County Board of Education has named **Dr. Dallas LeDuff** as the sole finalist to be the next Superintendent. For 19 years, Dr. LeDuff has served as associate superintendent, director, principal, assistant principal, teacher, and coach while working in three different Georgia public school systems.

The naming of the finalist culminates 4 months of search activity by the Barrow County Board of Education. In January, the Board employed search consultants King-Cooper and Associates. With the help of the search firm, the position was advertised, and 26 applications were reviewed. The candidates were screened and vetted. Multiple lengthy interviews were conducted for a select group of applicants. With the naming of the finalist, the Board must now wait at least fourteen days before taking an official vote to employ Dr. LeDuff as the next Superintendent of the Barrow County School System.

Dr. LeDuff has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Special Education from Clemson University, a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Georgia State University, a Specialist degree in Educational Leadership from Valdosta State University, and a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Valdosta State University. He graduated from the Georgia School Superintendent Association (GSSA) District Office Professional Development Program in 2018, and Dr. LeDuff is currently participating in the prestigious GSSA Superintendent Professional Development Program sponsored by GSSA. Participants in this two-year program must be nominated and selected by GSSA.

"I am grateful to the Barrow County Board of Education for their trust and humbled by the opportunity to serve as the next Superintendent of the Barrow County School System. I am committed to working with staff, students, parents, and community members to build upon the outstanding legacy of Barrow County Schools. My wife, Crystal, and our two children, Avery and Davis, are honored and excited to make this wonderful community our home."

In conjunction with naming Dr. LeDuff as the sole finalist, the Barrow County Board of Education is officially releasing his biographical information.

Allen McCannon of King-Cooper & Associates made the following comments about the search and the applicant: "The Barrow County Board of Education has worked very hard in this process. The system conducted 16 interviews. Dr. LeDuff did an outstanding job for the Oconee County School System. He is known for having a passion to help students and a calm, professional demeanor. The Barrow County Board of Education believes that he is the best candidate to lead the system."









Jordan Raper, Chair of the Board of Education, stated the following: "All candidates went through a very deliberate and thorough search process. All Board members understood the importance of this decision and have worked hard to ensure our selection will meet the needs of our schools and our community. We believe that Dr. LeDuff will provide the school system with excellent leadership, and we are excited to work with him."



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