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CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NAMES KEVIN “CHIP” POWELL NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

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A Rigorous, Competitive Search Process

The Carroll County School Board has concluded its thorough, merit-based superintendent search that began on April 28, 2026. The vacancy was advertised publicly on the district website and shared with the Mississippi Department of Education and the Mississippi School Boards Association (MSBA).

The district received 13 completed applications by the May 13th deadline. Following an intense review process, the Board narrowed the field to five finalists, all from Mississippi. The MSBA verified that all candidates met the state's strict legal qualifications under Mississippi Code Section 37-9-13.

Following the withdrawal of one finalist who accepted another position, the Board conducted formal interviews with four candidates on June 8 and June 9. The competitive finalist pool included one superintendent, three principals, and an assistant principal.

During a special called meeting on June 18, 2026, Board members reviewed extensive interview notes and MSBA vetting reports before officially voting to appoint veteran educator Mr. Kevin “Chip” Powell as the district’s new Superintendent of Education.

The Carroll County School Board is excited to welcome Mr. Powell.

Mr. Powell steps into the role with nearly 20 years of dedicated experience in Mississippi public education. He began his career in 2007 as a special education teacher in the Webster County School District. He later transitioned into administration, serving as principal of Eupora Elementary School in 2014 and most recently as principal of Eupora High School in 2022.

Throughout his career, Mr. Powell has established a proven track record of academic excellence and leadership. He is a two-time Webster County School District Administrator of the Year (2018-19 and 2023-24) and successfully led Eupora Elementary School to its first-ever “A” accountability rating. He holds a Master’s degree in Educational Leadership from Mississippi State University.

Colleagues praise Mr. Powell for his high integrity, optimistic leadership, and ability to build strong relationships with both staff and students.

"Chip’s character sets him apart," said Brian Jones, Superintendent of the Amory School District. "His integrity and positive attitude make him a trusted colleague and a role model for students."

Sue Ann Boatman, a consultant with Kids First, echoed those sentiments, highlighting his ability to connect with students from diverse backgrounds. "He fosters a supportive

and inclusive atmosphere where students feel valued, respected, and motivated to achieve their best."

Mr. Powell will officially assume his new role on July 1, 2026, and looks forward to partnering with Carroll County families, staff, and community members to drive student success.