

PRESS RELEASE

Superintendent Webb Announces His Retirement

Effective June 30th, Shelby County Schools (SCS) Superintendent, Dr. Bobby G. Webb, will conclude his distinguished career in education by retiring. Dr. Webb will be returning to work shortly from his medical leave, but was required by his contract to give four months notice prior to leaving the system.

Dr. Webb began his career with Shelby County Schools in January of 2002 when he became the 22nd Superintendent in the then 135-year history of the system. Prior to coming to Shelby County Schools, he had served 14 years as Superintendent of Lauderdale County Schools. Dr. Webb's 21 continuous years as a superintendent in Tennessee make him one of the state's longest tenured superintendents .

Throughout his career Dr. Webb has been recognized for his outstanding leadership and knowledge in the realm of education. Listed below are a few of his many accomplishments:

- He is the only Superintendent to twice be named Tennessee's Superintendent of the Year by the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents - first in 1996 and again in 2002
- In 2003, Dr. Webb was named by the Tennessee PTA as Superintendent of the Year
- Received the National Award for Technology Leadership - presented by the American Association of School Administrators
- Served as President of the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents (TOSS)
- Served on the National Advisory Board for the American Association of School Administrators

During Dr. Webb's tenure Shelby County Schools has attained unparalleled levels of academic achievement. Test scores are at an all-time high. Some of the accomplishments that have taken place during Dr. Webb's Superintendency are as follows:

- 2008 Tennessee Report Card - SCS's best ever
- Shelby County Schools is one of three of Tennessee's 136 school systems to make all "A's" on the TN Report Card for three straight years
- \$75 million in college scholarships to 1,300 2008 SCS seniors (highest ever)
- First large school system in nation to have 100 percent PTA membership
- First large school system in Tennessee to provide parent portal to student grades

Dr. Webb, who is still on medical leave, issued the following statement regarding his upcoming retirement. "I look forward to returning to work shortly, and in the meantime would like to thank John Aitken, the Acting Superintendent, my staff, and all of our 5,200 employees who have continued to carry on their same excellent performance in my absence. Any accomplishments that have occurred during my time as superintendent are a reflection of what we like to refer to as "The A-Team." The success of this great school system is a team effort and is directly attributable to great teachers, administrators and support staff, as well as exceptional parental involvement , an outstanding School Board, and hard working students. While academic achievement is at an all-time high in our school system, I am confident the best is yet to come. I have been truly blessed to have spent seven great years with Shelby County Schools, and look forward to the days I have remaining in what I consider to be the nation's best school system."