

ABOUT THE DISTRICT

Lafayette County School District, located in Oxford, Mississippi, serves Pre-K–12th grades with a student enrollment of approximately 2,750. The employees and families of the district make it an exceptional school, which truly is **“Anchored to Excellence”**. Recognized as an “A” school district by the Mississippi Department of Education, the Lafayette County School District is one of the top school districts in the state. As a “one-to-one” district that values and supports technology, the district employs dedicated support personnel and has sophisticated technology infrastructure in place for student success.

The district has been one of the first schools in the state to add some new opportunities in extra-curricular activities, to offer well-rounded experiences in athletics, performing arts, visual arts, music, and more.

In 2018, Lafayette County passed a \$24 million bond referendum for the new Lafayette Elementary School and district-wide campus renovations. Our schools receive strong community support as evidenced by highly involved parent-teacher associations, band boosters, and athletic boosters.

Lafayette County School District excels in academic preparation for college, with a graduation rate of 89.7% for the class of 2020. The district offers 10 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses, with 250 AP course exams given in 2020. There are five on-campus dual enrollment courses available for earning college credit while in high school and 186 students enrolled in a dual enrollment course. Career and Technical courses round out the educational spectrum to ensure that all LCSD students can take advantage of career and college interests, and a wide variety of opportunities and interests after high school.



APPLICATION PROCESS

The official superintendent application and other information are available on the Mississippi School Board Association (MSBA) website, msbaonline.org, under the “Superintendent Searches” link. For more information, potential candidates may contact MSBA at 601.924.2001 or toll free at 888.367.6722. Applicants should not contact the Lafayette County School District School Board of Trustees directly.

Qualified and interested candidates should submit the following information no later than **4:30 p.m., May 21, 2021**:

- Formal letter of interest
- Completed superintendent application
- Current resume
- Official copy of all college/university transcripts (in sealed envelope as sent from college/university or emailed directly from college/university to thenderson@msbaonline.org)
- Copy of valid Mississippi Educator’s License with Administrator Endorsement
- District contact verifying current position

Postage mailed application packages should be addressed to:

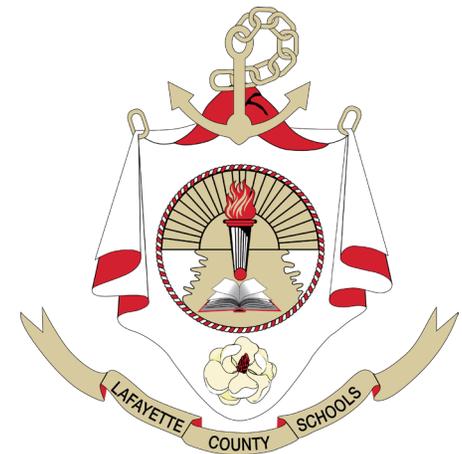
**MSBA Superintendent Search
Lafayette County
Superintendent Search Application
P.O. Box 178
Clinton, MS 39060**

Emailed application packages should be sent to:
Dr. (Mrs.) Tommye Henderson at

**thenderson@msbaonline.org, with subject line
“Lafayette County
Superintendent Search Application”**

***EMAILED APPLICATION PACKAGE
DOCUMENTS MUST BE IN PDF FORMAT.
[CANNOT INCLUDE TRANSCRIPT(S)]***

Lafayette County School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer and complies with all state and federal laws. Applicants are subject to financial and criminal background checks as required by Mississippi law.



Announcing the position of **SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION**



**LAFAYETTE COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT
100 Commodore Drive
Oxford, MS 38655**

**Application Deadline:
May 21, 2021**

DISTRICT DATA

Total Number of Students.....	2,767
Average Attendance Rate.....	93.8%
Number of Certified Employees.....	265
Teachers with Advanced Degrees.....	65
National Board Certified Faculty.....	41
ACT Composite Score Average.....	19.8
2020 Graduation Rate.....	89.7%

SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

- **Lafayette Elementary School**
Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st and 2nd
- **Lafayette Upper Elementary 3-4**
3rd and 4th grades
- **Lafayette Upper Elementary 5-6**
5th and 6th grades
- **Lafayette Middle School**
7th and 8th grades
- **Lafayette High School**
9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades
- **Oxford Lafayette School of Applied Technology**
9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades

DISTRICT MOTTO

“Anchored to Excellence”



Mission Statement

To provide students an exceptional education in an nurturing environment with devoted people.

INVITATION TO APPLY

The Mississippi School Boards Association has been engaged by the Board of Trustees of the Lafayette County School District in its search for a new superintendent.

Applications will be accepted through May 21, 2021.

(must be received in the MSBA Office by 4:30 p.m. on May 21, 2021)

The successful candidate will assume leadership of the Lafayette County School District on or before **July 1, 2021.**



APPLICANT CRITERIA

- Holds a valid Mississippi administrator license or eligibility to obtain one.
- Holds a Master's degree in school administration/leadership or advanced degree.
- Meets Mississippi Legal Requirements: Has served as a superintendent or an assistant superintendent within the last five years, or has classroom or administrative experience of not less than six years which shall include at least three years of administrative experience as a school building principal in a school (1) with an “A” or “B” accountability rating, (2) that increased its accountability rating by a letter grade during the period in which the applicant was employed as a principal at the school, or (3) in another state with a comparable accountability rating or improvement as verified by the Mississippi Department of Education, or (4) meets Alternative Superintendent Licensure Qualifications for Non-Education Candidates as posted on Mississippi Department of Education Licensure website.

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

The Superintendent of Education serves as the chief executive officer of the school district and is responsible to the Board of Trustees for ensuring compliance with all board policies and Mississippi State Board of Education rules and regulations, as well as state and federal laws.

The district will choose a candidate with the following minimum qualifications:

- Recent documented track record of raising the achievement level of ALL students in the district
- Three (3) years in an “A” or “B” district
- Successful experience with and understanding of financial planning, budget preparation, and budget management: district level preferred
- Successful experience with diverse populations and student needs; understanding of the challenges of a rural school district with limited resources
- Ability to implement a safe and orderly school climate through proper plans and procedures
- Knowledge of strategic planning, including development, implementation, and monitoring
- Uses a team management approach
- Ability to develop positive rapport, while providing strong leadership to administrators, teachers, and other school personnel
- Recruits and invests in the development of and the retention of highly qualified personnel
- Ability to develop and to monitor a facilities improvement plan
- Ability to develop a climate of trust and openness with all stakeholders
- Willingness to and ability to work cooperatively with school board members
- Possesses high moral and ethical standards of conduct
- Ability to make difficult decisions
- Effective communication skills including speaking, listening, writing, and technology
- Is committed to becoming an active and visible member of the community
- Willingness of applicant and family to live in the Lafayette County School District

LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Application for Superintendent of Education

*(Please **type** your responses and fully respond to each item)*

1. BASIC INFORMATION

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address: _____
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Business Address: _____
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Telephone Number: _____
(Home) (Work) (Cell)

E-Mail Address: _____

2. CURRENT EMPLOYER

Name: _____

Address: _____
(City) (State)

Telephone Number: _____

3. CURRENT POSITION

Title: _____

Salary: _____ Are you under contract at present? ____ Yes ____ No

Contract expiration date with current district, if applicable: _____

1. In-State Applicants Only

4. MISSISSIPPI SUPERINTENDENT QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

(MS Code of 1972 37-9-13 requires that a superintendent hold a valid administrator's license issued by the State Department of Education and shall have had classroom or administrative experience of not less than six (6) years which shall include meeting one of the criteria below or has served as a superintendent or assistant superintendent within the last five years. Please check the box (es) that applies to how you meet the qualifications and complete the appropriate information.)

- I have served as a superintendent or assistant superintendent within the last five (5) years.

District	Position <i>Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent</i>	MDE Accountability Rating (A-F) <i>(Not required by law, for school board information)</i>					
		2018-19 2019-20	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14
<i>Example: Magnolia School District</i>	<i>Superintendent</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>C</i>

- I have served as a school building principal for at least three (3) years in a school with an "A" or "B" accountability rating.

District Name School Name	MDE Accountability Rating (A-F) while Principal										
	2018-19 2019-20	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
<i>Example: Magnolia District Magnolia Elementary</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>			<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>

- I have served as a school building principal for at least three (3) years in a school that increased its accountability rating by a letter grade during the period in which I was employed as principal at the school. *(The accountability rating increase must be maintained for three years – MS Attorney General Opinion to Dorrill 6/2/2017)*

District Name School Name	MDE Accountability Rating (A-F) while Principal										
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- I certify that the information provided is true and can be verified through the Mississippi Department of Education.

Signature of Applicant

Date

2. Out-of-State Applicants Only

I have served as a superintendent or assistant superintendent within the last five (5) years.

State District	Position <i>Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent</i>	Comparable Accountability Rating <i>(Not required by law, for school board information)</i>					
		2018-19 2019-20	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14
<i>Example: Alabama Magnolia School District</i>	<i>Superintendent</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>C</i>

I have served in a school in another state with comparable accountability ratings (“A” or “B”) which shall be verified by the Mississippi Department of Education.

District Name School Name	MDE Accountability Rating (A-F) while Principal										
	2018-19 2019-20	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
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I have served in a school in another state with comparable accountability ratings improvement which shall be verified by the Mississippi Department of Education. (The accountability rating increase must be maintained for three years – MS Attorney General Opinion to Dorrill 6/2/2017)

District Name School Name	MDE Accountability Rating (A-F) while Principal										
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I certify that the information provided is true and can be verified through the Mississippi Department of Education.

Signature of Applicant

Date

6. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

List employment history (within and outside the field of education) beginning with your present position. Put the calendar year(s) you were employed in each position (*ex.: 2014-2017*) and your specific job title as reported to your state department of education (*ex.: Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent, Federal Programs Director, Special Education Director, Principal, Asst. Principal, Teacher, etc.*).

Dates Employed	Employer Address and Phone	Job Title
	Employer: Address: Phone:	

7. EDUCATION PREPARATION

List entries beginning with the most recent information.

Degree	Year degree received	College/University from which degree was received	Years Attended	Major

Name on the transcript if different from your current name: _____

8. REFERENCES

List four persons (name, address, and telephone number) qualified to provide information and opinions concerning your professional abilities, achievements, competence, character, and work habits. **Have your references send letters directly to Dr. (Mrs.) Tommye Henderson, P.O. Box 178, Clinton, MS 39060 or thenderson@msbaonline.org.**

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

9. OTHER

1. Have you ever been terminated, non-renewed, or asked to resign from any position?

_____ Yes _____ No

- If yes, please explain.

2. Has your teacher's or administrator's license or certificate ever been suspended or revoked? _____ Yes _____ No

- If yes, list what license or certificate, the date, and the reasons (attach a separate sheet if necessary).

- Has that license/certificate been reinstated and if so, when?

3. Have you ever been convicted of, or pleaded *no contest* to, a felony or misdemeanor (other than traffic violations)? _____ Yes _____ No

- If yes, please explain.

4. Have you ever had a felony conviction expunged? _____ Yes _____ No

- If yes, please explain.

5. Have you ever been charged with child abuse or sexual misconduct?

_____ Yes _____ No

- If yes, please explain.

6. Have you ever been charged with domestic abuse or domestic violence?

Yes No

- If yes, please explain.

7. Has a charge ever been filed against you with the Mississippi Department of Education (or such equivalent department of any other state)? Yes No

- If yes, please explain.

8. Have you ever served in the military? Yes No

- If yes, did you receive an honorable discharge? Yes No
- If no, please explain.

9. Do you agree to submit to a medical examination, drug screening, and psychological screening or evaluation and to have the results furnished to the Lafayette County School District at the cost of the Lafayette County School District as part of the application process and to execute such documents and releases as may be required for this purpose? Yes No

10. If you are among the finalists, would you object to a Board visit to your community?

Yes No

- If yes, please explain.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION OF APPLICANT

I hereby certify that the information provided by me in the application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that at some point in the selection process the information contained in the application may be made available to the general public. I understand that the facts set forth herein shall be subject to verification by the Lafayette County School District.

I hereby authorize the Lafayette County School District to conduct such background checks as it deems desirable to include, but not be limited to, inquiries to all law enforcement agencies, the Child Abuse Center Registry, Mississippi Sex Offenders Registry (or such registry of any employers, references, credit bureaus, such other or agencies deemed appropriate by the other state), previous persons, businesses, bureaus, Lafayette County School District to determine my qualifications and ability for the position of Superintendent of the Lafayette County School District. I further authorize the Lafayette County School District to conduct the background checks described herein.

Should any information given by me on this application be false or incorrect, I understand, acknowledge, and agree that I may be eliminated from consideration for this position and should the same be discovered after I have been employed then I may be terminated from employment with the Lafayette County School District.

This application will not be considered complete without a signature. Your signature certifies that, to your best knowledge and belief, the information provided herein is complete and true and that you meet the board's published criteria.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

Please forward this application, along with a letter of interest, a current résumé, an official transcript from each college or university you attended, and a copy of your administrative license to:

**MSBA Superintendent Search
Lafayette County School District
ATTN: Dr. Tommye C. Henderson
P.O. Box 178
Clinton, MS 39060**

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Subject line "Lafayette County Superintendent Search Application"**
Emailed application package documents must be in PDF format. E-Transcripts will be accepted.