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Rimes named RCSD Superintendent

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The Rankin County School Board announced Dr. Scott Rimes has accepted an offer to become the next district superintendent of the Rankin County School District (RCSD).

Dr. Rimes previously served as the Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools and Athletics for the RCSD. His appointment was made official at the January 8 board meeting and he began January 1.

"We were fortunate to have many great candidates, but the board decided to hire from within. We are excited about this decision and the future of Rankin County School District under



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Dr. Scott Rimes was named the new RCSD Superintendent in January.

his leadership," said Grumpy Farmer, Rankin County School Board President.

Rimes stated, "It is an honor to be chosen to serve the RCSD students, staff, and communities as the new superintendent. I appreciate the board's trust in me to carry on the tradition of excellence. I look forward to continuing the greatness of this district with all of our stakeholders."

The school board began the superintendent search process after Dr. Sue Townsend announced her retirement in September 2021 to be effective January 31. Dr. Townsend has served as superintendent at the Rankin County School District for the past six years.

Pelahatchie "By The Numbers" from the 2020 Census



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A crowd photo from the 2017 Muscadine Jubilee. The annual Jubilee held in September hasn't been held the past two years due to COVID.

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According to *census.gov*, the Pelahatchie population was 1272 in the 2020 census made up of 489 families and 613 households. The land area of the Town is reported at 5.9 square miles. The Town is ranked 165 out of 363 Mississippi cities.

Race for the Town is listed as 60.6 percent white; 32.1 percent black, and 3.5 percent Hispanic.

2019 median income for the Town is listed at \$44,489 and median age is 38.8. Education shows that 43 percent have a high school education or equivalent; 5.8 percent have an associate degree; 4.7 percent have a bachelor's degree; and 4.4 percent have a graduate or professional degree. The veterans are listed at 6.4 percent of the Town's pop-

ulation.

Employment rate is the same for the Town and the state at 52.6 percent. Where people are employed includes 76.6 percent in private companies; 5.5 percent are self-employed; 4.3 percent in non-profit; and 8.2 percent in government.

In the poverty category, the under 18 group is listed as 25.1 percent; 18 to 64 at 22 percent; and 65+ at 16.5 percent.

For more detail on the 2020 census results, visit *cenus.gov*.

The numbers for Pelahatchie are different for different sources. *Pelahatchie News* asked the mayor about numbers on the Town website and he said that the Town is not currently updating that site. Call City Hall at 601-854-5224 if you have questions about the Town's numbers.



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