



**Gulf Shores City
Board of Education
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Seventy days after requesting that Dr. Richardson intervene regarding the start date for Gulf Shores City Schools, we have received his ruling. Gulf Shores City Schools will be open for the 2019-20 school year. There was never a question of “if” this transition would happen, but rather “when.”

We were and are fully prepared to become operational in 2018. It is our hope to finalize contract negotiations with Dr. Matt Akin next week. Regardless of the timeline, there is much work to be done.

Hiring a permanent superintendent will allow Dr. Akin and our board members with a unique opportunity of engaging our community and building a collaborative vision for Gulf Shores City Schools. With this major hurdle being decided, it is our hope that Superintendent Eddie Tyler and the BCBE will share our vision that we can forge forward and execute a mutually acceptable Separation Agreement this summer so that all parties can proceed with confidence and plan appropriately. This will allow the smooth transition that all parties want.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Eric Mackey on his recent appointment as Alabama State Superintendent of Education. We are confident that his leadership will propel Alabama Public Education to the highest level attainable.

Our School, Our Future

Go Dolphins!

Kevin S. Corcoran

President

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