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PCSSD Sets Interview Schedule for Superintendent Position

Little Rock, AR – The Pulaski County Special School District (PCSSD) has made arrangements to interview four candidates next week for the superintendent position and scheduled public forums so the public can meet each of them. Currently Rob McGill, one of the candidates who applied for the position, is acting superintendent of the district.

Deborah Coley, assistant superintendent for human resources for PCSSD, said the candidates will spend one day each at the district's central office from Monday, Feb. 1 to Thursday, Feb. 4. "There is time in the day's schedule to tour schools, meet staff, spend time with the media and answer questions from the public," Coley said. "Each day concludes with a formal interview with the board of education from 7:30 to 9 p.m."

Coley said the open public forum, which the community is invited to attend, will be at 5:30 p.m. each day at the district office. The candidates and the days they will be interviewed are: Roy "Cole" Pugh from Ft. Worth, Texas, on Monday, Feb. 1, Charles Hopson from Portland, Ore., on Tuesday, Feb. 2, Robert McGill on Wednesday, Feb. 3 and Vashti Washington from Summerville, S.C., on Thursday, Feb. 4.

"In the public forum the candidates will speak for about five minutes and then he or she will take questions from the audience. Of course the media is invited to attend as well," Coley added.

The Pulaski County Special School District has about 18,000 students in 37 schools throughout Little Rock, North Little Rock, Sherwood, Maumelle and Jacksonville. McGill has been the acting superintendent since March, 2009, when he replaced James Sharpe. His contract expires June 30, 2010.

The PCSSD district office is located at 925 E. Dixon Road in Little Rock.

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