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Dear Staff and School Families,

For the past two years, I have been recruited for positions at various districts around the country and have not remotely entertained leaving my current role. Most recently, the Alabama School Board Association recruited me to apply for superintendent of Montgomery, Alabama, Public Schools. This is a unique opportunity that I must consider for family reasons.

As many of you know, I began my education career as a special education teacher in Montgomery Public Schools. My mother and in-laws live near and in Montgomery. Two of our children attend college in and near Montgomery. All of our family lives in that area. Montgomery Public Schools is the only place I would consider applying.

I am honored to be one of five finalists for the position in Montgomery. The Montgomery School Board's process is to publicly release the names of the top candidates and then schedule interviews. The interviewing process there is just beginning.

I care deeply about Lawrence Public Schools and remain committed to the work we have started in our strategic plan. I am happy here in Lawrence and extremely proud of the accomplishments we have made for our students, staff, school families, and community.

We have made great strides and put systems in place for the benefit of all of our scholars. Yes, we face some challenges. There also are possibilities and opportunities that lie ahead that excite me; in particular, our exploration of a public Montessori option for our families. This also could bring more children to our district.

As someone who always preaches family first, I owe it to my family to hear what the leaders in Montgomery have to say and explore this opportunity. I hope you understand these reasons.

I remain humbled and honored to serve Lawrence Public Schools and the Lawrence community and appreciate the generous support you have shown me and my family and our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Anthony Lewis, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools