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Dr. William C. Hardin, Superintendent

## NEWS RELEASE

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Dr. William C. Hardin, Superintendent of Camden County Schools, announced his plans to retire during a meeting of the Board of Education March 7<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Hardin announced he would not seek another term as superintendent beyond the conclusion of his current contract ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 after serving in that role for 12 years.

In a letter to the Board announcing his decision Hardin wrote: "Your ... principled approach to ensure our schools offer the very best opportunity for success influenced the decision to serve most of my professional career in Camden County Schools." Hardin thanked current and past administrators, teachers and staff for tirelessly working to ensure classrooms were places where teachers could teach and students could learn. Dr. Hardin is just the 4th Superintendent for Camden County Schools in the last 53 years and, of all nine who served in the last 108 years, his twelve year tenure is the third longest.

A third generation educator, Hardin began his career in 1982 in Berrien County Georgia as a high school teacher and later served in leadership roles there and in Atkinson Counties. He began work in Camden in 1995 serving in various roles at the school and district level before his appointment as Superintendent on June 1, 2007. After graduating from high school in Immokalee, Florida he entered Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia where he earned an Associate's degree. He received Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Georgia, an Educational Specialists degree from Valdosta State University and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Sarasota in ????.

In 2010, Dr. Hardin was a Georgia School Superintendent of the Year nominee. He serves on the Georgia School Superintendent's Association Board of Directors and President of the First District Superintendent's Association. Dr. Hardin is involved at the state and national level advocating for public education and for federally impacted school districts. He serves on the Boards of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools and the Military Impacted Schools Association. Dr. Hardin was invited to provide expert testimony before a United States congressional committee on education about the Federal Government's responsibility to schools and communities impacted by a military presence. During his tenure, Camden County Schools gained recognition at the state, regional, and national level.

Dr. Hardin and his wife of 36 years, Diane, have two sons, Nick and Scott, both proud graduates of Camden County.

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