



## A School System for the Town of Pike Road: Years in the Making

<b>1997</b>	<p><b>October:</b> Town of Pike Road incorporates. Mayor Rabren is quoted in <i>Montgomery Advertiser</i> saying the town might decide to pursue its own school system.</p>
<b>2005</b>	<p><b>February:</b> Citizen meeting at Pike Road Baptist Church gives direction to pursue education as one of four “pillars” of town’s work.  <b>March:</b> Planners identify potential locations for future school facilities, based on a “town centers” concept.  <b>April:</b> Proposal prepared for Pike Road Model School for Teacher Training.</p>
<b>2006</b>	<p><b>July:</b> Meeting of five committees formed to address educational goals: Curriculum, Faculty, Community, Education Organizations and Finance.  <b>August:</b> Consultants begin work of assisting with financial analysis.  <b>October 18:</b> Pike Road Educational System for Excellence in Teaching (PRESET) Committee is formed.  <b>October 26:</b> Citizen and facility surveys are developed to gather input on direction of school project. Pike Road school white paper is completed.  <b>November 6:</b> Dr. Suzanne Freeman, Superintendent of Trussville City Schools, presents to PRESET Committee on the steps to establishing a school system.  <b>November 15:</b> Pre-design overview complete  <b>November 30:</b> Mission statement for Pike Road schools is adopted. Basic PDS curriculum is envisioned for the future school system.</p>
<b>2007</b>	<p><b>January:</b> Councilman Steindorff attends PDS conference in Nevada.  <b>February:</b> Mayor Stone and Councilman Steindorff attend national Holmes Partnership conference.  <b>July:</b> Town of Pike Road begins relationship with P.K. Yonge School at University of Florida.  <b>November:</b> First report describing financial requirements for a school system is completed.  <b>December:</b> Presentation on PRESET plan is delivered at graduation of Leadership Pike Road class.</p>
<b>2008</b>	<p><b>March:</b> Future school location at The Waters is announced.  <b>March 21:</b> Education Summit is held at The Waters and is open to the public.  <b>June:</b> Kettering Foundation study of plans conducted by Auburn University College of Education.</p>
<b>2009</b>	<p><b>January:</b> Town of Pike Road delivers presentation on school plans to the Holmes Partnership.  <b>April:</b> Education Summit is held at St. James United Methodist Church and is open to the public.  <b>October:</b> Pike Road citizens visit P.K. Yonge School in Gainesville, Florida, to learn about PDS model.  <b>December:</b> Town of Pike Road reaches 5,000 citizens, the number required by state statute for the establishment of a municipal school system.</p>
<b>2010</b>	<p><b>January:</b> Settlement agreement with City of Montgomery, necessary to secure boundaries and solidify population figure, fails to pass Alabama Legislature.  <b>December 22:</b> Judge Reese signs settlement agreement between Town of Pike Road and City of Montgomery, ending years of litigation and solidifying boundaries and population. Town of Pike Road Council votes unanimously to establish a municipal school system.</p>
<b>2011</b>	<p><b>April:</b> Citizen survey on future school system arrives in mailboxes with <i>The Pike</i> newsletter.  <b>May 26 &amp; June 9:</b> Listening sessions are held at Pike Road Town Hall to gather input and answer citizen questions about the school.  <b>June 13:</b> Pike Road Town Council votes to recommend a 16-mill ad valorem tax to be voted on by citizens in September.  <b>August 2, 4, &amp; 11:</b> Chats &amp; Dogs neighborhood gatherings to discuss the school plan with citizens and answer questions  <b>October 4:</b> Pike Road School System referendum information session featuring Dr. Jack Hawkins, Dr. Ed Richardson and Dr. Keivan Deravi  <b>October 11:</b> Referendum: Citizens vote on whether to create a 16-mill ad valorem tax to provide funding for construction and operation of the first public school facility.</p>
<b>2012</b>	<p>Pike Road Town Council appoints municipal school board.</p>
<b>2013</b>	<p>Two years after collection began, the first revenue from the ad valorem is received by the Town of Pike Road.</p>
<b>2014</b>	<p>Construction begins on first school facility.</p>
<b>2015</b>	<p><b>August: CLASSES BEGIN AT PIKE ROAD SCHOOL with grades K-8.</b></p>
<b>2020</b>	<p><b>May: The first class graduates from Pike Road School.</b></p>