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### **TOWN OF PIKE ROAD AND PIKE ROAD SCHOOLS ANNOUNCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR PIKE ROAD HIGH SCHOOL, GEORGIA WASHINGTON CAMPUS**

PIKE ROAD, Ala – Earlier this morning, the Town of Pike Road was joined by representatives of Pike Road Schools to announce the plans for the next phase of capital improvements for education. The scene of the announcement was on the site where the work has commenced on the first phase of the capital improvement plan for Pike Road High School, Georgia Washington Campus. Among the next steps in the evolution of investment and the creation of opportunities for Pike Road’s young people are three major points:

- \$7 million to renovate and transition the Georgia Washington Campus so that it meets the needs of the high school students. Part of this renovation will include the gymnasium.
- \$3 million to invest in on-campus athletic facilities at Georgia Washington including football, baseball and softball.
- Based on the strategic planning exercise performed by the leadership of Pike Road Schools, the remaining funds will go toward additional classrooms to provide the capacity to meet the needs of the growing system.

“What a unique opportunity we have in Pike Road to make these significant announcements. We appreciate that everything we are announcing is because of the great support throughout the Town of Pike Road. We have had great success because of the commitment of our people, the Town Council and the School Board. In addition, today, we have the privilege of nurturing and building on the legacy of Ms. Georgia Washington,” said Gordon Stone, Mayor of the Town of Pike Road. “I want to make sure we emphasize that we are committed to continuing to make sure that our improvements will help people of this region respect and understand the significant contributions of Ms. Georgia Washington.”

“Sometimes people think about the [athletic] facilities that are behind us right now as extras, and they are, but they are extras that connect students to their learning,” said Dr. Chuck Ledbetter, Pike Road Schools Superintendent, as he commented on the investments. “One of the things about Pike Road is that we truly believe learning happens everywhere. If you believe and you get those opportunities through athletics, arts, and other areas to be able to learn leadership and practice the skills that you are learning in other areas of the school, then this becomes a place you want to be, and it becomes your second home.”

With an A++ bond rating, the Town of Pike Road is pleased to have been able to provide three school campuses in four years of operation for the Pike Road School System.

“I am honored to say that the Town has been able to make education facilities available in a way that has allowed our school system to have zero capital debt,” said Mayor Stone. “It is an honor to have been a part of this dream from its inception. Today, we are taking the next step forward and anticipate that we will have many more great steps to come.”

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