

Alamance-Burlington Schools

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Superintendent Requests Contract Release Effective January 1, 2022

On Thursday, September 30, Alamance-Burlington Schools Superintendent Bruce Benson submitted a letter to the Board of Education requesting release from his current contract, effective January 1, 2022, citing a desire to devote more time to family priorities and his personal life. In July 2021, the board announced a third extension of Superintendent Benson's contract, effective through June 30, 2025.

"I am thankful the board has extended my contract at every opportunity, as I view this action as affirmation for our work—collective effort—of the school system as a whole. ABSS is fortunate to have highly capable, caring staff at all levels of the organization, and it is my pleasure to be part of such an incredible team," commented Benson. Serving as head of schools since July 1, 2018, Superintendent Benson expressed pride in a list of district accomplishments over the past three years. "Together we have achieved a lot of the goals we set out to accomplish. Nine (9) capital bond projects are underway, on time and under budget; our Class of 2021 earned the highest on-time graduation rate in history and we have additional health and safety enhancements in place or planned for school campuses, including a school nurse position for each school. We also completed and funded a districtwide technology plan and a comprehensive employee compensation review. Most recently, the board adopted a new strategic plan for the school system."

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Regarding next steps for the district, Benson shared, "There is a lot to be proud of in ABSS and in Alamance County. This is an amazing place to work and live and deciding to leave has been a very difficult decision for my family and me. It is my hope that the board will choose a path forward in the coming weeks that will ensure ongoing work will progress in a positive direction and outcomes will continue to improve for our students, staff, and community."

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