
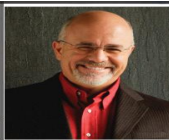



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emergency be declared. It is not uncommon for the state board to announce a potential interim superintendent before a takeover is official. At multiple hearings in past years, the board has named ahead of the governor’s declaration.
In Tuesday’s hearing, a Mississippi Department of Education employee told State Board of Education members she was not able to verify that the district had agreements with universities to help its uncertified teachers receive the coursework and training they needed by the following year, as Superintendent Debra Powell had said.
The lawsuit, however, attaches copies of memorandums of understanding with Alcorn State University and Jackson State University, though both are missing signatures from the contact person at each university.
“The District, does, and did, have those relationships,” the lawsuit states.
The district also takes issue with the fact that it was not afforded an exit conference or interview per MDE’s own policy that auditors “will schedule a time to meet with the superintendent and school board chair to conduct an exit conference” near completion of the investiga-

tion.
This is not the first time a school district has resorted to legal action to prevent a state takeover. In 2017, the Jackson Public School District filed a temporary restraining order against the Commission on School Accreditation, the state Board of Education and the Mississippi Department of Education to prevent a state takeover after the commission and department both found an extreme emergency situation existed in the district. A Hinds County Circuit Court judge denied it, the Clarion Ledger reported at the time.
Separately, a group of JPS parents filed a federal lawsuit against state education officials for failing to include them in the decision-making process over the district’s fate.
In the end, legal battles were not what saved the district from takeover. Instead, then-Gov. Phil Bryant declined to declare a state of emergency and opted to create a commission to evaluate the district.
However, Governor Tate Reeves approved the board’s request on Thursday, August 5.
The status of the suit filed by the Debra Powell and the board is unknown at this time. As of press time, authorities involved in the suit could not be reached for comment.

IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS

I am sitting on my back porch writing tis news. I see Mr. Lee Wright headed to one of his doctors. His granddaughter Cassie is moving in next door to him.
Thanks to the supervisors, the mayor, home extension office and everybody that helped to get the food boxes out on Saturday morning. I imagine the food was a help to a lot of people. A special “thanks” goes out to them for advertising it on the radio so the people could know about the food giveaway.
Now the supervisors, the mayors and the boards of aldermen for Holmes County need to contact North Central Planning and Development District and see if they can get some food vouchers for free vegetables for the people in Holmes County. The number to call is 662-283-2675.
On Friday, I rode to McCool with one of my friends to check on her brother. When we got there, he was doing fine.
My mailbox fell off of the post, first Sunday. Monday morning my neighbor, the



You’re in good shape either way

Dear Dave,

I can’t decide whether to sell or keep a rental property. Except for the property in question I’m debt-free, and I make \$90,000 a year. I owe \$20,000 on the property, and it is worth \$65,000. What do you think?

George

Long distance flip?

Dear Dave,

I’ve been following your advice for about a year. I’m almost out of debt, and I live on a budget, but looking toward the future it seems like it will be very difficult to save up for a down payment on a home. I live in Chicago, and property prices are very expensive. I have a friend in Georgia who suggested I buy a less expensive property there, then fix it up and flip it to make the money I would need for a down payment. What do you think of this idea?

Erik

Dear Erik,

When you take on the kind of work you’re talking about, you need to oversee what’s happening every step of the way. You’re working out details, keeping an eye on the crew, and having to handle a dozen other issues tied to the project. Plus, you can’t just walk up to a house or see it

If you still enjoy dabbling in real estate and being a landlord, go for it. If the shine has worn off, get rid of the place. If the latter is the case, you’ll get the responsibility of being a landlord off your back and become debt-free all at the same time!

—Dave

online, buy it, and expect to come out ahead in the deal. People who flip houses for a living professionally eyeball dozens, sometimes hundreds, of properties to buy just one. It’s not an easy way to make money, and it’s definitely not something I’d recommend doing from distance. In short, I wouldn’t do it, Erik. Fixing and flipping properties is a hands-on business, and trying to do it from 700 miles away would be a nightmare.

Just keep on working the budget and save as much as you can. I’d consider getting a part-time job for a while to add to the down payment fund before I’d try to fix and flip a house that far away.





— Dave

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