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Superintendent Spotlight - Shawn Kimble, Lauderdale County Schools

Shawn Kimble serves as the Superintendent of Lauderdale County Schools. He began his 25-year educational career at Ripley High School in Lauderdale County, where he served as a Career-Technical teacher and assistant principal. In 2006, he was named the Director of Technology and Innovative Programs for Lauderdale County Schools. He was named Deputy Superintendent in April 2009 and then appointed as Superintendent in December 2012.

Shawn has served on several statewide educational councils and workgroups, including the TN Assessment & Accountability Advisory Council, Governor's Legislative & Policy Workgroup, TN Literacy Advisory Council, and the Governor's School Funding Workgroup. He

also serves on numerous local committees as well.

During his tenure, Lauderdale County Schools has innovated to reshape its delivery of Literacy instruction for all students while implementing aligned, High Quality Instructional Materials in all schools. In 2021, Lauderdale County Schools was selected, as 1 of 8 school districts statewide, to mentor other districts participating in TN's Literacy Implementation Networks. In addition, his district was one of the first in the state to adopt a comprehensive model of support and training which addressed the mental health needs of its students and employees.

Due to Lauderdale County's response to the academic effects of the COVID pandemic, Lauderdale County was recognized as one of the state's "Best for All" districts for its commitment to addressing student learning loss. The hard work of local teachers and administrators has resulted in Lauderdale being recognized for many of its instructional and student support initiatives at the state and national levels.

When asked to reflect on the value he finds in Leading Now, Mr. Kimble shared the following:

It has been an honor to collaborate with and learn from some of the best educational leaders in the country. Leading Now has helped me to see that regardless of geography, size of district, or complexity of the issue, we are all dealing with many of the same challenges in service to our communities. Whether you are a new superintendent or you have been at it for a number of years, Leading Now is a great way to continue your professional growth as a district leader.

If you would like to connect with Mr. Kimble, you can reach him at skimble@k12.lced.net.

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