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**Opelika Chamber of Commerce to Host Alabama Superintendent of Education  
at Business Over Breakfast**

**OPELIKA, AL – ( January 18, 2012)** Dr. Tommy Bice, the newly appointed Alabama Superintendent of Education will be the featured speaker at the next Business over Breakfast sponsored by East Alabama Medical Center on Wednesday, January 25, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Saugahatchee Country Club.

Dr. Tommy Bice was appointed Alabama's State Superintendent of Education on November 10, 2011, and assumed the position on January 1, 2012. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Bice was Alabama's Deputy State Superintendent of Education for Instructional Services; Superintendent of the Alexander City School System, high school principal, career tech director, alternative school teacher/director, special education/residential school director, early childhood teacher/parent trainer; and began his career as a teacher at the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind. Dr. Bice also serves as an adjunct professor of Educational Leadership at Auburn University. He received his B.S. and Ed.D. degrees from Auburn University and his M.S. degree from the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

In his new position, Dr. Bice will have many administrative duties including distributing state funds to local school boards, executing school policies, conducting conferences, establishing regulations for school building, as well as preparing budgets for the department and evaluating the performance of schools.

The cost of the breakfast is \$20 for Chamber members and \$25 for potential members. To register, please visit [www.opelika.com](http://www.opelika.com) or call the Chamber at (334) 745-4861.