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Former Leeds superintendent candidate cleared by DA

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Former Leeds superintendent candidate James Turbeville, who was serving as superintendent of the Tattnal County School System, was cleared of any wrongdoing on July 2 by Georgia District Attorney Tom Durden. In his letter to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Durden said he found no cause for the case. "After reviewing the report and interviewing several people who were knowledgeable about the incidents, there does not appear to be anything criminal, therefore I am closing my file," it states.

The Tattnall Journal reported in April that Turbeville had resigned from the position of Tattnall County Superintendent of Schools effective June 30, at called board meeting on March 30. He also placed himself on administrative leave effective March 17 in concurrence with the board. The Tattnall Journal reported that "by terms of the agreement, board members are prevented from making derogatory remarks concerning the issue for a period of six months effective on the date of the resignation." It was also reported that criticism intensified when it was discovered that Turbeville's 2008 travel expense of \$21,158.09 was ranked second in the state among school superintendents and college presidents. He was also accused of not attending required meetings.

Turbeville addressed both issues. "The article was written by Ronald McCall and he wrote that I was the second-most traveled educator in the state, second to the president of the University of Georgia, according to the website he quoted, which was correct," Turbeville