

## **RCS Superintendent Louis Byars voted onto South Rome Redevelopment Corporation Board of Directors**

ROME, GA — On Tuesday, May 22nd, Rome City Schools Superintendent Louis Byars was voted to join the South Rome Redevelopment Corporation as a member of the Board of Directors.

The South Rome Redevelopment Corporation was founded to achieve the goal of interrupting the generational cycle of poverty for South Rome residents. Its mission is to achieve redevelopment in South Rome through home ownership, affordable housing choices, educational opportunities, active community involvement, leadership, and appropriate economic development.

“I am honored and excited for the opportunity to serve on the South Rome Redevelopment Corporation Board,” said Byars. “The work that has been accomplished by this board in South Rome has been amazing. I consider it an honor and a privilege to be a part of this board as they continue to make strides in the community.”

Byars addition to the board will be valuable in many ways, but his hands-on experience as an educator is an asset that is invaluable to the organization.

“We believe that neighborhood revitalization cannot be done by one organization. It takes a village to raise a village,” said SRRC Executive Director Charles Looney. “These efforts need cross-organizational cooperation in order to provide every opportunity for children and families to thrive and reach their full potential.”

“South Rome Redevelopment Corporation, therefore, seeks to interrupt the generational cycle of poverty through improved housing, education, wellness, and economic development. This is why, in addition to looking for board members who are South Rome residents, we also look for leaders in housing, education, wellness, and economic development. Because of Mr. Byars' work with Rome City Schools and because of his passion for providing quality education for every young Roman, we are thrilled to welcome Mr. Byars to our board of directors. We look forward to working with him on current and future educational efforts as we attempt to build a cradle to college/career education pipeline,” said Looney.

