

**Chris Chism**  
**Superintendent, Pearl Public School District**

Chris Chism is the Superintendent of the Pearl Public School District, with a 29-year career in education. An alumnus of Mississippi State University, Chris specializes in educational technology and data-driven instruction. In his time in leadership, he has delivered over 170 presentations on data utilization and artificial intelligence in education, influencing policies and practices across the state.

As Superintendent, Chris's leadership has earned him multiple accolades, including twice being named Administrator of the Year by the Pearl Public School District and recognized as a Practitioner of Distinction by the University of Mississippi School of Education. He was also recognized as the MASSP State Administrator of the Year in 2018. Under his guidance, Pearl High School has seen significant improvements in graduation rates, especially for students with disabilities, and the Pearl Public School District has been ranked as an "A" district for three consecutive years under his leadership as superintendent.

Chris has also traveled extensively, sharing his expertise on artificial intelligence with various groups in the southeast, Washington D.C., and New York. In the past 15 months, he has given over 150 presentations on AI in education and to other fields as well. He has spoken at the Mississippi Capitol and been interviewed on radio and television about practical uses of AI. Chism truly has a passion for students, teachers, AI, and making advancements that will help all in the field of education.