

Dr. Janet Pope was selected by the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA) as their Executive Director in July 2018 after serving five years as their Board Development/Legislative Specialist. Pope's appointment marked a notable milestone in both the association's and the state's history as she is the first and only woman to be selected to serve as the full-time Executive Director of one of the major associations representing Louisiana local government.

Prior to joining LSBA, Dr. Pope, a Lafayette native, served nineteen years in a large, traditional public school system in south Louisiana where she held various teaching and administrative positions.

Dr. Pope is an advocate of continuing education and professional development who believes in leading by example. She is National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certified and has passed the School Superintendent Assessment. Pope was awarded a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 2015.