State Education Superintendent Wilmer Cody’s Baton Rouge home is for sale and he acknowledges he is receiving offers from potential employers.

But Cody — Gov. Buddy Roemer’s recommended choice as the state’s first modern-day appointed superintendent in 1988 — said Thursday he wants to continue in Louisiana’s highest elementary and secondary education post.

“I want to stay here,” said Cody, smiling from behind his desk in his 12th-floor office in the state Education Building.

Cody repeatedly discounted rumors being spread by some state education officials that he is searching for another position.

“I’m turning them down as a matter of fact,” Cody said, referring to other job opportunities. “If you’ve been reading the national press, there’s a lot of vacancies all over the place. I’ve been around long enough that I routinely get form letters on all those things, but I’m not pursuing any of those things.”

However, Cody did say he and his wife, Caroline Burns Cody, are attempting to sell their house and property at 2036 Old Carriage Lane. The property is valued at $345,000, according to East Baton Rouge Parish Tax Assessor’s Office.

Cody is paid about $95,000 annually. His wife makes $34,280 as a professor in the University of New Orleans’ College of Education. UNO hired his wife in 1989 after she had served as assistant dean of the College of Education and as assistant to the senior vice president at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

“My wife and I have discussed selling it to buy a smaller house and also to get a place in New Orleans,” Cody said. “She’s been commuting for two years, and that’s what’s behind all that.”

Rumors that he is seeking employment have floated around for some time.

“There was wild rumors about that a year ago — had me going someplace else,” he said. “I never could figure out the origin of it. At least this time there’s an origin of it — selling our house. We’ve just got more house than we can handle.

Roemer and the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education picked Cody over former principal and veteran state Sen. Cecil Picard, D-Abbeville, for the job of administering a school system that enrolls nearly 1 million Louisiana students.