



# THE ACADEMIC INSIDER

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## Shelby County Schools Academic Performance Committee School Year Wrap-Up



### Chamber Partners w/CCTE

Sixteen Greater Memphis Chamber organizations have signed on with the Career, College and Technology Education (CCTE) program to enhance the District's certification offerings to provide alternative career pathways for students.



### SCS is 901 Day

During SCS is 901: The Big Event held at the Levitt Shell, the Shelby County Commission presented our School Board with a Resolution naming May 15, 2019 "SCS is 901" Day. Joining in on the city's bicentennial celebrations, thousands of SCS families attended this event to enjoy food and fun, and watch the first screening of our 901 story series.



### New Alcy Groundbreaking

On May 23, District and government officials participated in the groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new school. Alcy is one of the first two schools to be constructed for SCS utilizing the 21st Century curriculum.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Miska Clay Bibbs

As Chair of the Academic Performance Committee, I am proud of the work which includes initiatives, policy development, curriculum decisions, and programs that have been created and/or enhanced thanks to the collaborative work of Shelby County Schools staff along with School Board members. It is important that the values, beliefs, and priorities of our community are considered with every decision we make as a governing body.

Our schools, students, and staff have, once again, made tremendous achievements -- from six of our schools being listed as members of the Top 100 High Schools in Tennessee, to many of our schools being removed from the State's Priority List, to our schools receiving Reward Status for our academic accomplishments, we have a lot to be proud of. To learn more about the accomplishments of Shelby County Schools students, teachers, administrators, and staff, visit [scsnewsroom.com](http://scsnewsroom.com).



# Reading Readiness



The Shelby County School Board voted on a revision to Policy 5013 Promotion and Retention. The revision was created to ensure we hold district and school leaders, teachers, and all stakeholders accountable towards ensuring SCS students have the necessary reading skills to be successful before they reach the third grade. Third grade has been identified as the year that students are no longer "learning to read" but they begin "reading to learn."

If students are not reading on grade level by the time they reach the third grade, half of the curriculum they will be taught for the remainder of their school years will be incomprehensible. The 3rd Grade Commitment is a collaborative effort between schools, parents and community towards ensuring we all work together to best help SCS students reach reading readiness before the third grade.

Visit [scsk12.org/commitment](http://scsk12.org/commitment) for more information.

## Shining a Spotlight on SCS



### POWER TALK

Each week, Board Member Miska Clay Bibbs hosts a live radio show on 88.5FM. She interviews individuals who are making a positive impact on the community and SCS, empowering and motivating children and families throughout Shelby County.

### SCS ALUMNI HALL OF FAME GALA 2019

Each year, the SCS Alumni Hall of Fame honors notable graduates of Shelby County Schools for their professional accomplishments and work in the community.



### SCS Leadership Conglomeration

School leaders participated in a week long leadership training designed to enhance and grow their leadership skills.



Participants attending a training session on making data-driven decisions.



Superintendent Ray (left) and Deputy Superintendent Whitelaw (right) congratulating the 2019 SCS Principal of the Year, Pete Johnson of Grahamwood Elementary (center).