



# THE COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE UPDATE



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SCS College, Career and Technical Education (CCTE) department has partnered with Atlantic Track Memphis for a new Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) in Welding. The apprenticeship will begin Fall 2021 with 15 welding students in the 11th grade.



## MEETING SUMMARY

On June 9, the Community Engagement and Legislative Advocacy Committee met to discuss enacted legislation, the 2021 legislative report, the social media campaign from the Lead Prevention and Sustainability Commission, as well as updates on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

## 2021 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Prepared by the Shelby County Schools Policy Office - Office of General Counsel, the 2021 Legislative Report includes a presentation of the District's legislative priorities, overview of the TN General Assembly Special Legislative Session, and the TN General Assembly Regular Legislative Session. On June 23, Maria Stewart, Policy Development Advisor, and her team led a virtual briefing that gave an overview of the newly released report. [Click here](#) to read the full report.



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## SUMMER VIRTUAL PARENT INSTITUTE HELD

On June 26, the District hosted a virtual institute allowing for information on summer resources, family support, parent leadership & more. Writer and author, Hill Harper, was the keynote speaker as he encouraged parents to stay engaged with their child throughout the summer.

## SCS SALUTES FUTURE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS

Shelby County Schools' Department of Student Affairs and JROTC hosted the District's 2nd Military Salute, honoring high school seniors who've chosen to join the military. More than 100 SCS Class of 2021 graduates have decided to serve their country.



## MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT UPDATE

In 1987, Congress passed the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, (subsequently renamed the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act) to aid homeless persons. The Act defines the term "homeless children and youths" as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. As awareness of the program grows locally, additional supports are needed. Utility and housing assistance for families at risk for homelessness, assistance for homeless families that have exhausted all community resources, and continued spread of awareness of the program through SCS are key supports that will aid in improving the program and its reach.

A funding proposal presented during the committee meeting includes many services and incentives, including the addition of two Wrap-Around Service Coordinators, private tutoring for at-risk seniors (including transportation and meals), quarterly small group ACT preparation workshops with transportation and meals, life coach mentoring for unaccompanied males (contracted), saturday tutors, transportation to and from SCS Mental Health Centers, admin stipends for on-call staff/after hours support to families and unaccompanied youths, increase uniform vouchers to \$100 per student (currently \$45), and temporary hotel vouchers for families (up to 5 nights plus transportation to hotel). To read the full update on current statistics and support needed in the community, [click here](#).

**For more information and to review the details of the committee reports, [click here](#).**

Committee meetings are for Board members to have in-depth discussions with District leadership on specific topics and provide feedback/input on items that affect the District. There are no official actions or votes during these meetings.