



# THE CHAIR'S REPORT

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Dear MSCS Supporter,

Welcome to the latest edition of "The Chair's Report." This monthly e-newsletter will provide activity highlights, offer updates on key issues facing the school district and share the board's position with you.

### Important Message from the MSCS Board of Education

As summer approaches, we always need to be mindful of our youth. In the past few days, our city has experienced senseless acts of violence that claimed the lives of our young people. The Memphis-Shelby County Schools Board of Education mourns the loss of those who were involved in the shootings in the Douglass and Orange Mound communities.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are deeply impacted by these tragedies. We echo the sentiments of our city and county leaders that we all must do our part to stop these senseless acts of violence and protect our young people and the future of this city.

Throughout this newsletter, we will share a variety of summer learning and summer camp opportunities as well as tips for parents to keep their children safe and engaged during the summer break.



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## 2024 MSCS COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

The MSCS Board of Education congratulates all our 2024 graduates! We are so proud of you, and we cannot wait to celebrate with you during your commencement ceremony. Here is a schedule of upcoming ceremonies.

District	School	Date & Time	Location
1	Booker T. Washington High	Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.	Orpheum Theatre, 203 S Main St.
1	Central High	Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.	Renasant Convention Center, 255 N Main St.
1	Middle College High	Saturday, May 18, 1:30 p.m.	Orpheum Theatre, 203 S Main St.
1	Manassas High	Saturday, May 18, 4 p.m.	Cannon Center For The Performing Arts, 255 N Main St.
1	Northwest Prep Academy	Sunday, May 19, 12 p.m.	Cannon Center For The Performing Arts, 255 N Main St.
2	Craigmont High	Wednesday, May 15, 7 p.m.	Renasant Convention Center, 255 N Main St.
2	Douglass High	Saturday, May 18, 2 p.m.	Renasant Convention Center, 255 N Main St.
2	East High	Monday, May 20, 7 p.m.	Renasant Convention Center, 255 N Main St.
2	Kingsbury High	Tuesday, May 21, 6 p.m.	Hope Church Memphis, 8500 Walnut Grove Rd, Cordova, TN 38018
3	Trezevant High	Friday, May 17, 7 p.m.	Renasant Convention Center, 255 N Main St.
3	Raleigh-Egypt High	Sunday, May 19, 11 a.m.	Renasant Convention Center, 255 N Main St.
4	Southwind High	Monday, May 13, 6 p.m.	Renasant Convention Center, 255 N Main St.
4	Kirby High	Saturday, May 18, 6 p.m.	Renasant Convention Center, 255 N Main St.
4	Germantown High	Monday, May 20, 6 p.m.	Bellevue Baptist Church, 2000 Appling Rd., Cordova, TN 38016
5	Cordova High	Wednesday, May 15, 6 p.m.	Hope Church Memphis, 8500 Walnut Grove Rd., Cordova, TN 38018
6	Whitehaven High	Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m.	Whitehaven High, 4851 Elvis Presley Blvd.
6	Hollis F. Price Middle College High	Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.	LeMoyne-Owen College, 807 Walker Ave.
6	Westwood High	Saturday, May 18, 12 p.m.	Cannon Center For The Performing Arts, 255 N Main St.
6	Mitchell High	Monday, May 20, 6 p.m.	Cannon Center For The Performing Arts, 255 N Main St.
7	Hamilton High	Thursday, May 16, 6 p.m.	Cannon Center For The Performing Arts, 255 N Main St.
7	Oakhaven High	Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m.	Cannon Center For The Performing Arts, 255 N Main St.
8	Avon Lenox School	Thursday, May 16, 11 a.m.	Avon Lenox School, 310 Avon Rd.
8	Bolton High	Thursday, May 16, 6 p.m.	Bellevue Baptist Church, 2000 Appling Rd., Cordova, TN 38016
8	White Station High	Thursday, May 16, 7 p.m.	Renasant Convention Center, 255 N Main St.
9	Shrine School	Thursday, May 2, 11 a.m.	Shrine School, 4259 Forest View Dr.
9	Overton High	Thursday, May 16, 6 p.m.	Hope Church Memphis, 8500 Walnut Grove Rd., Cordova, TN 38018
9	Wooddale High	Friday, May 17, 6 p.m.	Cannon Center For The Performing Arts, 255 N Main St.
9	Ridgeway High	Sunday, May 19, 3 p.m.	Renasant Convention Center, 255 N Main St.
9	Sheffield High	Sunday, May 19, 4 p.m.	Cannon Center For The Performing Arts, 255 N Main St.
9	Memphis Virtual School	Tuesday, May 21, 6 p.m.	Cannon Center For The Performing Arts, 255 N Main St.
9	Melrose High	Tuesday, May 21, 7 p.m.	Renasant Convention Center, 255 N Main St.
6 & 8	G.W. Carver College and Career Academy Northeast Prep Academy	Wednesday, May 15, 6 p.m.	Cannon Center For The Performing Arts, 255 N Main St.

SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Here are a few summer learning opportunities that our students can get plugged into.

**Summer Learning Academy:** Make your summer count and register for our 2024 Summer Learning Academy. The District will offer four weeks of reading and math instruction for grades 1–10 and ACT prep for grades 10–12. Visit [scsk12.org/summer](https://scsk12.org/summer) to register today.



**City of Memphis Summer Camp:** The City of Memphis will host free youth and teen summer camps at various community centers. Visit [memphisparcs.com/activity/summer-camps](https://memphisparcs.com/activity/summer-camps) to register.

**YMCA Summer Camp 2024:** The YMCA of the Memphis and the Mid-South are currently enrolling for their 2024 summer camp. Each week, the YMCA Summer Camp will have a different theme for campers including arts and crafts, science, sports, water safety and swimming, nature and more. To learn more and to register, visit [ymcamemphis.org/childcare/ymca-summer-camp-2024](https://ymcamemphis.org/childcare/ymca-summer-camp-2024).

**Zoo Camp:** The Memphis Zoo will host their Zoo Camp, where campers will explore the world of animals and take part in games, crafts, tours, keeper chats, live animal visits and interactive experiments. For more information, visit [memphiszoo.org/summer-camp](https://memphiszoo.org/summer-camp).

SUMMER BREAK TIPS FOR PARENTS

Here are some tips for parents to help our students have a safe and fun summer:

- Get some rest:** Take this time to decompress and rest your mind, body and spirit.
- Spend time with friends and family:** Spend some time with a friend or family member to catch up.
- Plan fun activities:** Whether it is going to the park or going to a museum, do an activity that brings you joy.

PICK, ENROLL – MSCS ENROLLMENT AND REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2024-25 school year is open. All students who attend any MSCS school need to register annually. This applies to new and returning students. Visit [scsk12.org/pickenroll](https://scsk12.org/pickenroll) to register today.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The Memphis-Shelby County Schools Board of Education wants to stay connected to you. We have created social media platforms for you to follow the work of your school board directly. Follow us on:

- Facebook mscsk12board
- Instagram mscsk12board
- Twitter/X mscsk12board

Your school board members look forward to connecting with you.

IMPORTANT DATES

April Board Business Meeting

- April 30

May Board Work Session

- May 14

Last Day of School

- May 24

May Board Business Meeting

- May 28

All Board Business Meetings and Work Sessions can be joined in person, viewed live online and on C19TV, or heard on 88.5FM.

ON A FINAL NOTE

As we approach the end of another school year, we want to thank our educator, staff and community partners for your continued support and incredible work in the District to champion our students. Congratulations to our students on finishing out the school year.

**Althea Greene,**  
Chair, Memphis-Shelby County Schools  
Board of Education