

THE CHAIR'S REPORT

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Memphis-Shelby County Schools Board of Education



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Message from Chairwoman Greene

Dear MSCS Supporter,

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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.

MSCS Welcomes New Superintendent, Marie Feagins, EdD

After a robust search process, the Memphis-Shelby County Schools (MSCS) Board of Education has voted to offer a contract to Dr. Marie Feagins to serve as the District's next superintendent.

Currently serving as the Chief of High Schools and Leadership at Detroit Public Schools Community District, Dr. Feagins has a deep understanding of urban education, a strong commitment to equity and a clear academic vision for MSCS. Dr. Feagins is scheduled to officially begin her tenure as superintendent after the close of the 2023–24 school year.

We would like to thank our community, parents, teachers and staff for helping us work through this extensive search process. Special thanks to Vice Chair Joyce Dorse Coleman and Board Member Stephanie Love for leading the charge in this effort. Finally, we want to thank our interim Superintendent Toni Williams for her great leadership throughout this process.

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To learn more about Dr. Feagins, visit <u>www.scsk12.org/</u> <u>supsearch</u>.

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2024 NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (NSBA) ADVOCACY INSTITUTE & NATIONAL MENTORING SUMMIT

The MSCS Board of Education and students from Project STAND at G.W. Carver College and Career Academy recently traveled to Washington D.C. for the NSBA Advocacy Institute and the National Mentoring Summit. Thank you to the board and the district for consistently showing up and showing out for our children and for Project STAND.



Board Chair Althea Greene and Board Member Stephanie Love with students from Project STAND in Washington D.C.



Board Member Kevin Woods with students, faculty and staff

DISTRICT 4 HIGHLIGHTS KEVIN WOODS, BOARD MEMBER

MSCS Board Appreciation Week: Last month, MSCS celebrated School Board Appreciation Week with a host of celebrations. During that week, Board Member Woods took the principals in District 4 to dinner. Thank you to Board Member Woods for always being active in our community.





HOMEWORK HOTLINE

Need some homework and tutoring help? Homework Hotline is here for you. If your student is struggling with their homework, we have certified K–12 MSCS teachers ready to serve. Call 901-416-1234 Monday-Thursday, 4-8 p.m., to receive homework help and tutoring support. Multiple languages are offered: English, Spanish, French, Arabic, Hindi and Farsi. To learn more, visit homeworkhotline.info

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(L-R) Board Member Frank Johnson, Senator Brent Taylor, Board Member Amber Huett-Garcia, Board Chair Althea Greene, Senator Raumesh Akbari, Rep. Mark White, Board Member Michelle McKissack, Board Member Mauricio Calvo and Board Member Stephanie Love at Day on the Hill in Nashville, TN

DISTRICT 5 HIGHLIGHTS MAURICIO CALVO, BOARD MEMBER

District 5 Board Member Celebration: During School Board Appreciation Week, Mt. Pisgah Early College Middle and High School hosted a school-site celebration for Board Member Calvo. Thank you to the faculty, staff and students for celebrating Board Member Calvo.

Day on the Hill: Board Member Calvo, along with other MSCS board members, recently took part in a Day on the Hill in Nashville to talk with state legislators about what's going on in Memphis and Shelby County. They also met with Rep. Mark White regarding his concerns about the board and the superintendent search. The board looks forward to continuing to work with state and local leaders to provide quality education to students.



Board Member Keith Williams with Whitehaven High School students and Principal Dr. Vincent J. Hunter.

DISTRICT 6 HIGHLIGHTS KEITH WILLIAMS, BOARD MEMBER

District 6 Board Member Celebration: During School Board Appreciation Week, Whitehaven High School hosted a school-site celebration for Board Member Williams. Thank you to the faculty, staff and students for celebrating Board Member Williams.

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Your school board members look forward to connecting with you.

IMPORTANT DATES

February Board Business Meeting

- February 27
- Spring Break (Students Out)
 - March 11–25
- March Board Work Session
 - March 19

March Board Business Meeting

- March 26
- Good Friday
 - March 29

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

We want to thank you for your continuous support of Memphis-Shelby County Schools. We are committed to working every day to provide the best education to the students we serve. We look forward to working with Dr. Feagins as we embark on a new journey as a District.

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