



THE CHAIR'S REPORT

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Message from Chairwoman Greene

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.

MSCS Board of Education Presents Chair Chat

The Memphis-Shelby County Schools Board of Education is proud to introduce our new online show Chair Chat hosted by Board Chair Althea Greene.

In each new episode, Board Chair Greene will interview MSCS Board Members about what's going on in each of their Districts. Episodes will be available on the Board's Facebook and Instagram pages: @mscsk12board.



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MSCS SCHOOLS WELCOME INCOMING SUPERINTENDENT DR. MARIE N. FEAGINS

Incoming superintendent Dr. Marie N. Feagins has hit the ground running. Dr. Feagins has been touring various schools in the District and met with key stakeholders in Memphis and Shelby County. We look forward to working with our new superintendent as we enter a new era to learn, lead and leave a legacy.



Dr. Marie N. Feagins with Board Chair Althea Greene, Memphis Mayor Paul Young, and students and faculty at Memphis East T-STEM Academy



Board Vice-Chair Joyce Dorse-Coleman and Board Member Frank Johnson with volunteers at the Mobile Food Pantry at Hickory Ridge Community Center

DISTRICT 7 HIGHLIGHTS FRANK JOHNSON, BOARD MEMBER

Chair Chat: Board Member Johnson recently sat down with Board Chair Greene about what's going on in District 7 and how he was able to bounce back from an untimely stroke. Watch this latest episode of Chair Chat on the Board's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Mobile Food Pantry at Hickory Ridge Community Center: Board Member Johnson recently helped distribute food boxes to families at the Hickory Ridge Community Center. Thank you to Mid-South Food Bank and MSCS Family and Community Engagement for your partnership in the Mobile Food Pantry.

SchoolSeed Foundation's 15th Anniversary Celebration: Board Member Johnson recently attended SchoolSeed Foundation's 15th Anniversary Celebration with fellow board members and Dr. Marie N. Feagins. Congratulations, SchoolSeed, on 15 years of supporting our teachers and students in Memphis and Shelby County!



Board Member Amber Huett-Garcia with Memphis City Councilwoman Jerri Green and the White Station Middle School Baseball Team

DISTRICT 8 HIGHLIGHTS AMBER HUETT-GARCIA, BOARD MEMBER

Honored by the Memphis City Council: For Women's History Month, Board Member Huett-Garcia was recently honored by the Memphis City Council for her incredible work in the Memphis community. Congratulations, Board Member Huett-Garcia for your recognition.

Bolton High School Tour with Dr. Feagins: Board Member Huett-Garcia recently welcomed Dr. Feagins to District 8 during a roundtable discussion and school tour of Bolton High School. Special thanks to the Wildcats and Memphis City Council Chairman JB Smiley Jr. for your warm welcome.

White Station Middle School Receives Generous Donation: Board Member Huett-Garcia recently attended White Station Middle School's first baseball game in five years. The school received a generous donation of \$12,000 from Dick's Sporting Goods for a new baseball field. Go Spartans!

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TECA Advocacy Academy: Last month, Board Member Huett-Garcia attended the TECA Advocacy Academy and participated in a panel discussion with Shelby County Commission Chairwoman Miska Clay Bibbs and Memphis City Councilwoman Michalyn Easter-Thomas about their journeys in politics, policy and advocacy.

The TECA Advocacy Academy is a 3-week, 4-session course that provides best practices on education policy and advocacy for educators of color to provide both a better understanding and potential next steps for them to engage in the space.



Board Vice-Chair Joyce Dorse-Coleman with Dr. Marie N. Feagins, faculty and students at Colonial Middle School

DISTRICT 9 HIGHLIGHTS

JOYCE DORSE-COLEMAN, BOARD VICE-CHAIR

Mobile Food Pantry: Board Vice-Chair Dorse-Coleman recently helped distribute food boxes to families at various locations for the Mobile Food Pantry, including Hollywood Community Center, Technology Assistance & Repair Center, Hickory Ridge Community Center and Ed Rice Community Center.




Shrine School Ribbon-Cutting: Board Vice-Chair Dorse-Coleman recently visited Shrine School for the grand opening of the Project STAND Food Pantry. Thank you, Project STAND, for your great work in the community.

Colonial Middle School Tour with Dr. Feagins: Dr. Feagins was welcomed with open arms at Colonial Middle School. Board Vice-Chair Dorse-Coleman accompanied Dr. Feagins on a tour of the school.

Orange Mound Plans & Partnership Conference: Board Vice-Chair Dorse-Coleman recently participated in the Orange Mound Elected Official Roundtable at the Orange Mound Plans & Partnerships Conference. The one-day conference brought community members together to discuss community development, collaboration and future projects in Orange Mound.

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Your school board members look forward to connecting with you.

IMPORTANT DATES

901 FAFSA Workshop

- April 2

April Board Work Session

- April 23

April Board Business Meeting

- April 30

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 embark on this new journey with a new superintendent, we want to thank our community for their continuous support of Memphis-Shelby County Schools. Best of luck to our students, faculty and staff as they prepare for testing and graduation.

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