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.
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.

3RD GRADE COMMITMENT
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 for more information.

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).