



# The Academic Insider

Shelby County Board of Education Academic Performance Committee Update



## MEETING SUMMARY

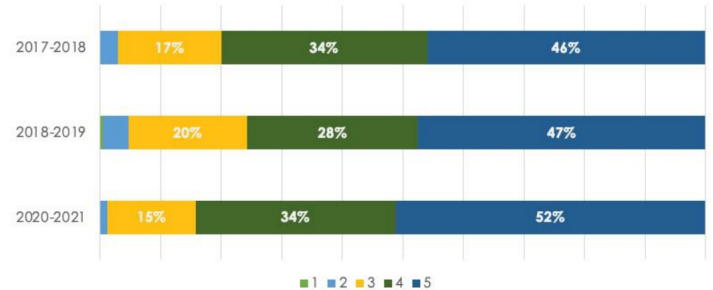
On November 2, the Academic Performance Committee met to discuss November KPIs, Reading Horizons, Head Start Application, Early Childhood Digital Device Purchases, University of Memphis Graduate Certificate, Shelby County Crime Victims and Rape Crisis Center MOU, and other amendments.



## NOVEMBER KPIS

For the month of November, KPIs are aligned to the District Strategic Priority 3 of developing teachers, leaders, and Central Office staff to drive student success. Findings presented during the meeting showed that for the 2020-21 academic year, the percentage of teachers earning a level 4 or 5 increased by a combined 11 percentage points.

[Click here](#) to read November KPI's in full.



## HEAD START UPDATE

Recommendations were made for the Board to approve the 2021-22 Head Start Application to continue managing full implementation of educational, family support, and health services for "at-risk" four-year-old children and their families for a total of 3,200 students.



Committee Chair  
Althea Greene

## MIDDLE SCHOOL DONATION

Kate Bond Middle School was awarded gift cards from Office Depot. The cards will be used at the discretion of the school's administration for teacher needs.

Committee Vice-Chair  
Miska Clay Bibbs

## SCS BOARD MEMBERS



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## RENEWAL: MOU SCBE/TN DEPT. OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

During the November meeting, recommendations were made to approve the MOU with the Shelby Region of the Tennessee Department of Children's Services to promote a plan for coordination of services for children and youth safety and to ensure that they receive adequate interagency support. This MOU will be shared on an annual basis with the staff of SCBE schools, and staff of the local DCS during training.

### SCS EXPECTATIONS

- Ensure that SCBE staff are informed and trained annually about Tennessee laws, statutes and policies regarding mandatory child abuse reporting, including SCS's reporting policy and the Safe Schools website.
- Require that SCBE staff, upon obtaining knowledge or being notified of suspected abuse or neglect of a student, immediately contact the DCS Child Abuse Hotline Intake Number at 1-877-237-0004 to report the suspected child abuse or neglect.
- Require that SCBE staff make available to DCS the child who is the subject of the referral and the child's siblings (if the siblings are also enrolled in an SCBE school).

### DCS EXPECTATIONS

- DCS will meet priority response time and/or make good-faith attempts to meet priority response time for all referrals of child abuse or neglect.
- DCS will require that DCS caseworkers, upon reporting to a school to conduct child interviews, present SCBE school staff with an official DCS employee identification badge that reflects he/she is employed with the State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services.
- DCS will notify SCBE, as far in advance as possible, of any intended changes to the student's residence, including: change of placement, custodial status and address of all students in DCS custody.

## EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN AND HEALTH SERVICES

University of Memphis / Shelby County Crime Victims & Rape Crisis Center

- Recommendations were made for the Board to approve the Masters Services Agreement with the University of Memphis for the Graduate Certificate Program in Special Education in order to increase the number of teachers who are certified to teach special education in SCS.
- Recommendations were made for the Board to also enter into the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement with the Shelby County Crime Victims & Rape Crisis Center (CVRCC). This agreement will focus on promoting healthy relationships to prevent and/or reduce dating violence among our students.



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**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.