



THE CHAIR'S REPORT

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SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Message from Chair Dorse Coleman

Dear MSCS Supporter,

Welcome to the latest edition of "The Chair's Report." This monthly e-newsletter provides activity highlights, offers updates on key issues facing the school District and shares the Board's position with you.

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR RECAP

As we close out another school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we have accomplished together and extend my deepest gratitude to every member of our District.

This year has been one of growth, resilience and transition. With the support of our dedicated faculty, staff, families and community partners, we have successfully navigated a significant leadership change. I am incredibly proud of how our District remained focused on our core mission—ensuring all students have the opportunity to achieve their full potential. The strength and unity you have shown during this time of change speaks volumes about our shared commitment to excellence in education.

To the graduating Class of 2025—congratulations! You have reached an important milestone, and we could

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not be prouder of all you have achieved. As you prepare to take the next step in your journey, know that you carry with you the hopes and support of an entire District. We can't wait to see the impact you will make in the world.

I also want to sincerely thank our students, faculty, staff and my fellow board members for your hard work, perseverance and dedication throughout the year. Your passion and effort are the heart of what makes MSCS such a special place to learn and grow.

MSCS SUMMER CAMPS

MSCS is offering a variety of summer opportunities for 2025, with camps and programs tailored to all ages and interests. Visit sck12.org/summertimecamp to learn more and to register.



BOARD MEMBERS MICHELLE ROBINSON MCKISSACK AND AMBER HUETT-GARCIA SIT DOWN WITH ALEX COLEMAN

Board Members Michelle McKissack and Amber Huett-Garcia recently sat down with Alex Coleman on WREG News Channel 3 to talk about the potential state takeover legislation. [Click here to watch the full interview.](#)

BOARD MEMBERS NATALIE MCKINNEY AND TAMARQUES PORTER SIT DOWN WITH ALEX COLEMAN

Board Members Natalie McKinney and Tamarques Porter were interviewed recently by Alex Coleman on WREG News Channel 3 about the Board's renewed mission, budget season and Interim Superintendent Dr. Roderick Richmond's 100-day plan for the District. [Click here to watch the full interview.](#)

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BOARD MEMBER SABLE OTEY PENS OP-ED FOR THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

Board Member Sable Otey has recently written an op-ed in support of Dr. Richmond's 100-day plan. [Click here to read the full article.](#)

BOARD MEMBER KEITH WILLIAMS RETIRES FROM THE MEMPHIS-SHELBY COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Board Member Keith Williams has recently retired from his role as executive director of Memphis-Shelby County Education Association. Congratulations on your many years of service.



(L-R) WREG News Channel 3 Anchor Alex Coleman with Board Members Natalie McKinney and Tamarques Porter.

2025–2026 PRE-K ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is now open for our Head Start/Pre-K program. Every year, students who attend an MSCS Early Childhood Program score higher in Kindergarten readiness and outperform peers on District goals for foundational skills, literacy and more. To be eligible, your child must be 3 or 4 years old before August 15, 2025, and live in Shelby County. Visit scsk12.org/prek to enroll today.

2025–2026 REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2025–26 school year is open. All students attending any MSCS school are required to register annually. This applies to new and returning students. For returning students, you do not need to re-register; you can simply update your information online. Visit scsk12.org/registration to register today.

ON A FINAL NOTE

As we close out the month of May and the 2024–25 school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the progress we've made and express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you—our educators, staff, students, families and community partners—for your unwavering commitment to the success of Memphis-Shelby County Schools.

This month has brought both celebration and reflection. We honored our incredible teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, celebrated student achievements across the District and continued our work to ensure every child receives a high-quality education. Your dedication fuels the momentum that drives our District forward, and I am inspired daily by the resilience and brilliance of our community.




As we head into the summer months, I encourage everyone to take time to recharge, reconnect and refocus. For our students and families, summer is a time for exploration, enrichment and preparation. For our educators and staff, it's a well-earned opportunity to rest and reflect. And for all of us, it's a chance to recommit to the shared vision that every child in MSCS deserves a bright and boundless future.

Thank you for all that you do. Together, we are shaping a stronger, more vibrant future for Memphis and Shelby County.

**Joyce Dorse Coleman, Chair,
Shelby County Board of Education**

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Your school board members look forward to connecting with you.

IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Learning Academy & Promotional Summer School

- June 2–30

June Board Work Session

- June 17

June Board Business Meeting

- June 24

July Board Work Session

- July 22

July Board Business Meeting

- July 29

First Day of Class for Students

- August 4

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