

The ^{CCPS} BOARD REPORT

September 24, 2024

→ Connection meeting set Oct. 10th

Superintendent Dustin Howard and CCPS invite district families and members of the community to dinner on Thursday, October 10th, at our Connect with the Community event at GRC. Attendees will learn about the district's updated Mission and Vision, along with the newly unveiled Portrait of a Clark County Learner. [View event flyer on Page 3.](#)

→ Community Schools Initiative takes off

Community Schools Initiative coordinator Christy Bush told the Board that the program's ultimate goal is to enhance the ABCs - attendance, behavior, and course academics. "Through ongoing collaboration between families, educators, and community members, we minimize the non-academic barriers to learning," she said. "We're able to utilize all the assets we have in our community and come together collaboratively to make connections."

View the Community Schools Initiative report [HERE](#).

→ Preschool to get canopy

The new Clark County Preschool will officially get an aluminum canopy to shield our little Cards from rain/snow while walking to and from buses. The canopy was already roughly figured into the project's contingency budget; however, the exact cost was not known until construction progressed.

→ Routine items

- In routine items, the Board approved the monthly Financial Report, and numerous consent agenda items. [View Agenda](#)
- In a special meeting Sept. 26, the Board approved the 2025 working budget.

→ NEXT REGULAR MEETING: OCTOBER 22

NOTABLE & QUOTABLE

"We want to invite the entirety of our community to help us connect with each other. We'll be providing dinner that night because I feel like once you eat together and break bread, you build relationships."

-Superintendent Dustin Howard on the October 10th Connect With the Community event at GRC

Senator Elkins addresses the Board



State Senator Greg Elkins updated Board members on several pieces of legislation – both those passed into law and those still in the works – that affect children and education.

Board chair Ashley Ritchie had this to say after Elkins completed his presentation: "Thank you so much for everything you've been doing on behalf of our staff and students. You have really stood up for education and we truly appreciate that."

Senator Elkins represents District 28, which includes the counties of Bath, Clark, Menifee, Montgomery, and part of Fayette.



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→ Amendment 2...

Board vice chair Dora Hall presented information on Amendment 2, which will be on the November ballot. The amendment would eliminate constitutional barriers that prevent the use of public money for private education. Mrs. Hall shared specifics on the proposed amendment, using [information from the Kentucky School Boards Association](#).

“It’s always important before you vote to understand what you’re voting for and to understand the different pieces of it,” she said. “I am voting ‘No’ on Amendment 2 and I encourage everyone to learn about what you’re voting for, to be able to make an informed decision.”

→ Professional Growth Goals...

Superintendent Dustin Howard’s Professional Growth Goals were approved for 2024-25, with all of them falling into the categories of Instructional Leadership and Cultural Leadership.

Mr. Howard’s PGG may be viewed [HERE](#).

A robust instructional program, supported by intense training in world-renowned Kagan Cooperative Learning, has been a priority for Mr. Howard since his hiring. Specialized programs in the areas of literacy, phonics, math, and others have been implemented district-wide, along with elementary class size reduction. These targeted initiatives have already reduced performance gaps and elevated student achievement.

The second aspect of Superintendent Howard’s growth plan is focused on cultural leadership. “We want our kids to learn how to work well together, and we want our adults to work well together, and we’re modeling the way in those areas,” he told the Board. “It’s my job as a leader to pour into our staff and build trusting relationships in our schools. That’s a big part of our work.”

Superintendents in Kentucky are required to submit annual Professional Growth Goals, which are based on established leadership standards.

→ Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Howard’s September Report began with an overview of the [Connect With the Community Event](#) scheduled for October 10th at GRC.

Two community events were held during the 23-24 school year to gather information from stakeholders on what the district should prioritize moving forward, with breakout groups addressing specific topics.




After Mr. Howard and district directors reviewed and evaluated all feedback, they worked together to develop a revised Mission and Vision that will be shared at the October 10th event. To further validate the CCPS commitment to a holistic approach to education, the Academic Team will break down the newly unveiled Portrait of a Clark County Learner. This initiative includes six competencies that all students will know and be able to do when they graduate from CCPS.

Mr Howard also informed the Board about a partnership with Hall’s on the River. The iconic local restaurant is sponsoring a new CCPS program, Hall’s Highlights. Monthly student and staff Portrait of a Learner exemplars selected through a nomination process will be rewarded with a Hall’s gift certificate. More information on Hall’s Highlights will be released soon.

CCPS is also collaborating with Winchester Police to educate students and families in various ways on the importance of safe and educated electronic use. Officers are speaking to students in the schools, and Cyber Savvy tips will be posted in a series.




CONNECTED IN GROWTH. CONNECTED IN GOALS. CONNECTED IN GREATNESS.



CONNECT
with the Community

CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS EXCITED TO CELEBRATE THE LAUNCH OF OUR PORTRAIT OF A LEARNER AND UNVEILING OF OUR DISTRICT'S REFRESHED VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS. WE INVITE YOU TO BE A PART OF THIS EVENT TO ENJOY DINNER AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS ON HOW OUR COMMUNITY CAN PARTNER WITH SCHOOLS TO BRING THESE ESSENTIAL COMPETENCIES TO LIFE IN THE CLASSROOM!

PORTRAIT OF A CLARK COUNTY LEARNER



- EMPOWERED LEADER**
- RESILIENT LEARNER**
- EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR**
- REFLECTIVE INNOVATOR**
- ENGAGED CITIZEN**
- COMMITTED COLLABORATOR**

[TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PORTRAIT OF A CLARK COUNTY LEARNER]

CCPS DISTRICT VISION / MISSION

[JOIN US AS WE UNVEIL CLARK COUNTY'S REFRESHED VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS.]

OCTOBER 10
6:30pm - 8:00pm

GEORGE ROGERS CLARK HIGH SCHOOL
DINNER ♦ DISCUSSION ♦ CONNECTION
Dinner sponsored by Clark County Farm Bureau.



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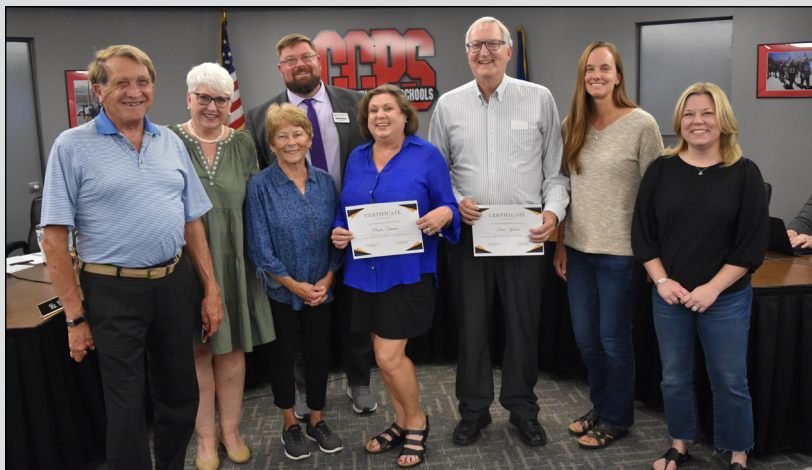
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Your Greatness Shows...



The Clark County Community Foundation and Clark County Winchester Heritage Commission donated \$5,000 to RDC 7th graders, allowing them to travel to Frankfort to tour the state capitol and the Vietnam Memorial. The Community Foundation made the donation to the Heritage Commission which in turn donated to the school. Pictured with Superintendent Howard are Robert Blanton, Lisa Johns (representing the Community Foundation), Sheila McCord, Paula Thomas, Steve Justice, Krista Joynt, and Sarah Hess. "Mr. Justice and Mrs. Thomas have been essential in orchestrating this opportunity for our students," said RDC Principal Tiffany Smith.



Representative Ryan Dotson and Senator Greg Elkins were recognized for their support of the Prichard Committee's Community Schools Initiative. The Kentucky House passed a resolution recognizing and commending the 40 Kentucky public schools that are implementing the initiative, including Baker and Conkwright.



Superintendent Dustin Howard was recognized for being honored as the KMEA District 7 Administrator of the Year. Presenting to him are Board members Ben Dorsey, Billy Bennett, Dora Hall, Ashley Ritchie, and Jennifer Simpkins.



Ale-8-One representative Sheila Frye. Ale-8 has partnered with CCPS for the first-of-its-kind collaboration which makes Ale-8 available at athletic and other events throughout the year.





Your Greatness Shows...



Governor's School for the Arts participant Abby Crase



Governor's Scholars Program participants Madelyn Settles, Caroline Harper, Olivia Brownlee, Anna Barnes, Mallory Jones, Reese Patrick, and Rileigh Reed

Governor's Scholars Program



The Governor's Scholars Program provides academic and personal growth through the balance of a strong liberal arts and sciences program with a full co-curricular and residential life experience. Students must complete an application and compete with others from across the state. Those selected attend the program free of charge. (from the GSP website)

Governor's School for the Arts



The Governors School for the Arts provides hands-on arts opportunities for the state's talented high school students who are dancers, actors, instrumental and vocal musicians, creative writers, future architects or visual artists. (from the GSA website)

