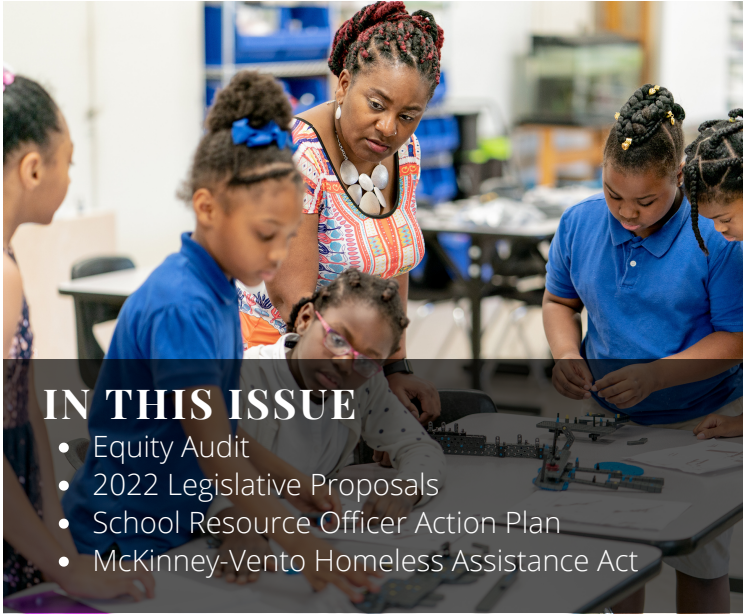




THE COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE UPDATE



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Shelby County Schools honored its recent retirees with a special drive-thru ceremony at the Board of Education on June 23. Each retiree received a special gift during the event and was greeted by Superintendent Dr. Joris M. Ray, Board members, and District administrators.



MEETING SUMMARY

On July 22, the Community Engagement and Legislative Advocacy Committee met to discuss enacted legislation, the 2021 legislative report, the social media campaign from the Lead Prevention and Sustainability Commission, as well as updates on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

EQUITY AUDIT

The Office of Equity and Diversity presented an update focused on students as they voiced their opinions around teaching and learning in a hand full of areas including classroom engagement, learning strategies, and overall expectations between the student and teacher. To read the report in full, [click here](#).



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CALL FOR 2022 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

In order to effectively develop the District's legislative priorities and positions, the Policy Office requested input regarding issues relevant to faculty and staff areas of work that should be addressed during the upcoming legislative session. Proposals for the District's 2022 Legislative Agenda were submitted through a legislative proposal form provided by the department. School and District leaders were encouraged to participate.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER ACTION PLAN PRESENTED

During the committee meeting, the School Resource Officer Action Plan was released. The plan involves increasing awareness of tips and resources for students through posting flyers in common areas, hosting monthly/quarterly focus groups with students, and working with Student Affairs to work closely with members of Student Congress to help them educate their peers about School Resource Officers.



MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT UPDATE

In 1987, Congress passed the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, (subsequently renamed the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act) to aid homeless persons. The Act defines the term "homeless children and youths" as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. As awareness of the program grows locally, additional supports are needed. Utility and housing assistance for families at risk for homelessness, assistance for homeless families that have exhausted all community resources, and continued spread of awareness of the program through SCS are key supports that will aid in improving the program and its reach.

Supports for the 2021-2022 school year includes 10 academic tutors and addition to several other positions. At the end of the first quarter of the school year, SEED will present to the Board a quarterly report of services provided to families, including total number with breakdown by school, an overview of services and supports provided, and implementation and expenditures of McKinney-Vento Subgrant, ARP, and Title I set-aside.

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.