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THE
FUTURE
IS BRIGHT

Interim Superintendent's Report

August 9, 2021



PREPARING STUDENTS
FOR LIFE

Welcome NEW CPS Principals

- Check out our social media channels in the weeks ahead to learn more about them



- Michael Allison - Oyler School (Previously Principal at South Avondale)
- Danielle Battle - Promise Center
- Maureen Brenner - Mt. Washington School (Promotion)
- Kynda Few - Westwood School (Promotion)
- Yolanda Jackson - Dater Montessori School
- Ashle Jones - Chase School
- Tiffani Maher - Rees E. Price Academy
- April Simmons - South Avondale School
- Britni Tudor - Evanston Academy (Promotion)
- Jennifer Williams – Hughes STEM High School (Previously Assistant Principal at Taft High School)



Quarterly Parent Newsletter – New!

- Be on the lookout in your mailbox for our first quarterly newsletter of the new school year.
- Lots of news parents and staff can use before students return to school on August 19.
- Plus, important CPS contact information for parents and staff may need throughout the school year.

The Quarterly District Newsletter  August 2021

CPS CONNECT



The future is bright!

The 2021–22 school year is just around the corner, and we're kicking it off with a new quarterly newsletter for our parents, families, employees, partners and the community. Inside, you'll find everything you need to know to get the school year off to a great start and learn about the exciting things happening at Cincinnati Public Schools.

We can't wait to start the school year with you and your children!

In This Issue...

- A Super Update
- News You Can Use
- Academics and Curriculum
- Athletics and Arts
- By the Numbers
- Parent Resources

A SUPER UPDATE

We Are Stronger Than Ever!

Dear families, employees, neighbors and partners,

Welcome to the first issue of CPS Connect! So many exciting things are happening at Cincinnati Public Schools! We're launching this quarterly newsletter to bring a light on what's ahead for our students and community.

First, I thank you. Last school year was one we will never forget. But we learned valuable lessons. Now, we are applying those lessons to create a new CPS that is stronger than ever.

- **Exciting curriculum updates will help our students see themselves in the materials and develop a broader world view.** Read more on Page 5.
- **Districtwide investments will result in the best academic and supportive experience for our students.** This means more teachers and support staff, diversity & inclusion in student learning models, increased WiFi and devices and more!
- **Additional resources will help every student read before the end of first grade.** Read more on Page 5. To continue to build knowledge and grow academically, this is a critical invitation for our young learners.
- **Everything we do prepares our students for life.** From elementary school to high school, we equip them for their chosen life pathway, enrolling in college, entering the military or beginning grateful employment right away.

As a new school year approaches, read about our amazing students and staff and learn everything you need to know about the beginning of 2021–22. Remember, no matter your child's interests, needs or aspirations—today is the future—we have a place for them at CPS.

I think this will be our best school year yet!

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Jessie Grant
Tanya Amet
Interim Superintendent

You Shared, We Listened!

Your voice is important! Based on your feedback, some of the new ways you'll hear from us this year include:

- **CPS Connect!** Mailed quarterly to homes and email. Also available on social media and online.
- **Super In-AB!** The important items you want to know in 60 seconds via a monthly video update sent through email. Also available on social media and online.
- **Tea with Tanya:** You'll soon be invited to informal discussions over tea and coffee at schools and other community gathering places (by fall—more details to come).

Just as important, we want to continue to hear from you! Look for regular requests to provide input on what's most important to you. Thanks for all you do!

NEWS YOU CAN USE

August 19: Back to School, Back to the Classroom!

All schools will resume in-person learning five days a week with established safety protocols. In-person learning is critical for most students—and it's safe. We are implementing practices that successfully limit the spread of COVID-19, as seen by low transmission rates last year.

Vaccines are available!

Seventy percent of CPS staff have been vaccinated against COVID-19 through district efforts, and vaccines will continue through the school year.

Meals announcement!

CPS will continue to serve healthy meals free of charge to all enrolled students in 2021–22. Please read the Student Dining Services Back to School Information Packet included in early August for more information about additional benefits for which you may be eligible. Please call 513.363.0800 or email cps@cpschools.k12.oh.us with any questions.

Have more questions? Just raise your hand!

Call our Customer Care office at 513-363-0122 or visit cps412.org for distribution information. Call your child's school or visit its website for school-specific details. Keep an eye out for messages from your principals or teachers, too!

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CPS Super 60 – New!

- Monthly video message from Interim Superintendent
- Segment to be called *CPS Super 60!*
- Check your email on August 18 for the first segment. It will also be posted on the CPS website.



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- Informal opportunities for us to listen to what YOU have to say. Be on the lookout for more information at a school or coffeeshop near you!





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**Student-Centered
Decision Making**



**Health and
Safety**



**Community
Engagement
and Influence**



**Optimized
Capabilities**



Growth



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