



The Academic Insider

Shelby County Board of Education Academic Performance Committee Updates



MEETING SUMMARY

On August 18, the Academic Performance Committee met to discuss various contract and grant updates including the First 8 Grant Award program, various Headstart and Pre-K updates, and online testing for CCTE.



COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH

Recommendations were made that the Shelby County Board of Education approves a one-year, renewable Coordinated Health Grant from the Tennessee Department of Education to Exceptional Children and Health Services for the purpose of developing and maintaining the Coordinated School Health initiative in the District. This grant is expected to increase focus on the “whole child” by measuring eight different components of health, including: health education, physical health, health services, health promotion for staff, nutrition services, family and community engagement, healthy school environment, counseling, psychological, and social services.

ATHLETIC DONATION

District leaders presented the presentation to approve a \$15,000 grant from Dick’s Sporting Goods Foundation to the Athletic Department. The grant, and any income thereon, is to be used solely to support the Grantee’s quality athletic environments and resources.



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PROXIMITY LEARNING

Recommendations were made that the Board approve the one-year contract for Proximity Learning Professional Services for high-quality virtual instruction to SCS students in classrooms with vacant teacher positions. The classrooms will contain tools such as a live webcam and microphone access so students can remain engaged and directly interact with the classroom teacher. The live courses are designed to work around the school's bell schedule, calendar, and curriculum.

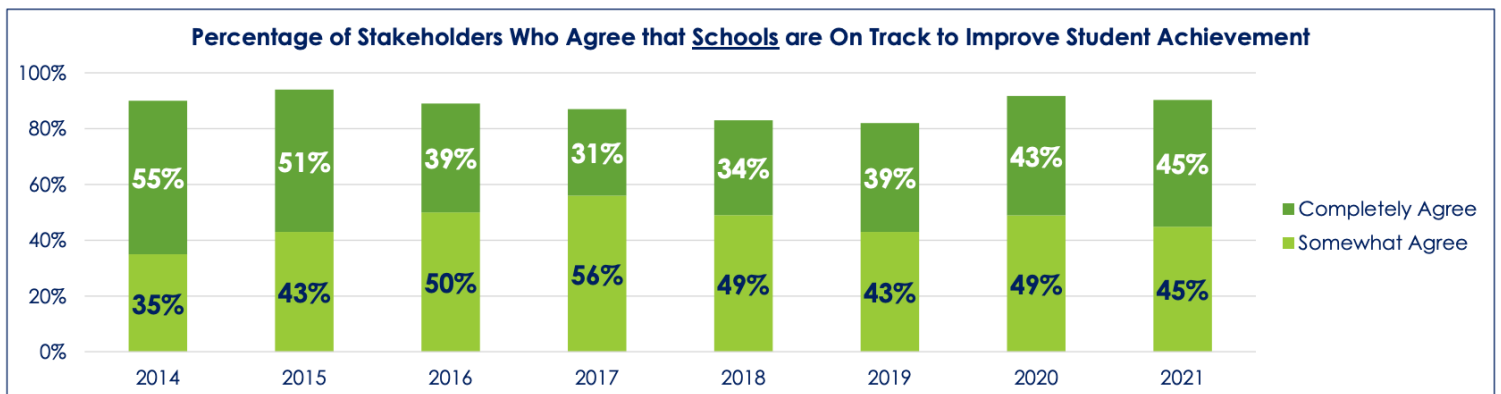
DIGITAL LEARNING LICENSES

Recommendations were made for the Board to approve the contract renewal for the Thrivist Publisher Platform. The company provides access to ClassGather, an online repository for managing and deploying publisher licenses and learning resources into the District's learning management system (Canvas).



AUGUST KPIS (KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS)

For the month of August, KPI's aligned to strategic priority 5 to mobilize family and community partners. Key findings include the percentage of stakeholders who agree the District is on track to improve student achievement reaching its second-highest rating to date, the highest rating in five years for parents believing their child's school is on track, as well as other notable findings found [here](#).



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.