



# The Academic Insider

Shelby County Board of Education Academic Performance Committee Updates



## MEETING SUMMARY

On June 14, the Academic Performance Committee met to discuss various contract approvals, grant acceptances, and donations. Discussion items included technology support, instructional content, nursing services, and professional development.



## ATHLETIC DONATIONS

Good Sports, a non-profit that works directly with the sporting goods industry to obtain a variety of athletic gear, apparel, and footwear, will donate over 6,000 athletic gloves to 26 SCS high school football teams and 28 middle school football teams. Each school will be contacted with instructions on how to claim the donation and additional gloves will be provided to schools as needed.

## PORTER-LEATH

District leaders provided an update regarding the expiring Porter-Leath contract. The presentation detailed the District's efforts to address initial contract negotiations, Porter-Leath's financial proposal, and plans for SCS to move forward in providing services to the District's children at reasonable cost and in compliance with federal requirements.

To read the full presentation from the meeting, [click here](#).



**Committee Chair**  
Miska Clay Bibbs

## SCS BOARD MEMBERS



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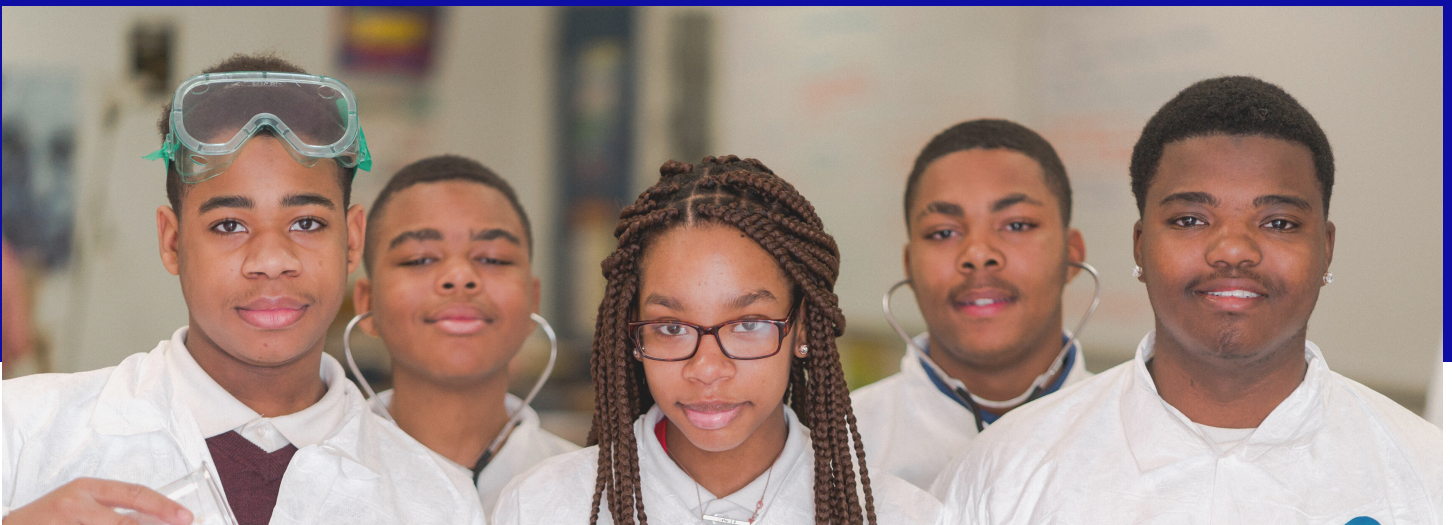
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## NEW MEDICAL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL NAME SUBMITTED TO TDOE

The naming committee formed to select an official name for the new high school on Southwest Tennessee Community College's campus has selected Medical District High School as the final choice to submit to the School Board. "I am in support of Medical District High School as the name of our newest school in our district. It captures the essence of not only the location in the heart of our medical community but it also clearly states that this school will provide a unique, world-class learning environment for students across the Shelby County School region," says Board Member Michelle R. McKissack (District 1).

*Update: The SCS School Board voted to approve the new name during the Board Business Meeting held on June 29.*



## AGRISTEM COMING TO BOLTON HIGH SCHOOL

Once approved by the Board, the Tennessee Department of Education, through its Innovative High School Model Grant, will award Bolton High School with \$2,000,000 for its upcoming AgriSTEM program. This grant will fund proposals from May 2021 - September 2023 to support new approaches to increase student postsecondary attainment.



## JUNE KPIS (KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS)

The District's research and data team shared information for this month's KPI report including employee absenteeism rates by category, teacher absenteeism rates, number of students being taught by long-term substitutes, and number of teachers teaching "out of field". To review the full report, [click here](#).

## ACADEMIC YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE



During the month of June, the District celebrated graduating students. We wish them the best in all of their future endeavors!

**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.