



THE COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

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



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The 4th annual SCS Necessity Drive held on September 17 was a success as items such as new toiletries and personal care items were collected at East High School.



MEETING SUMMARY

During the Legislative Advocacy and Community Engagement Committee held on September 14, updates were provided on sanitary items distribution, the equity board retreat, COVID-19 updates, and more.

SANITARY ITEM AWARENESS

The Office of Student, Family, and Community Affairs presented updates on Period Poverty and the burdened it places on young ladies, both globally and in our community. Defined as a lack of access to sanitary products and a lack of funds to afford personal care items, young ladies experience period poverty as they are unable to manage their periods without shame, lack the resources to manage basic menstrual hygiene, and lack access to education that provides understanding of the menstrual cycle.

Through ongoing partnerships and yearly initiatives like the SCS Necessity Drive, our community has made sure to provide the necessary resources and education to tackle period poverty. Next steps to increase efforts include distributing take home packages for students and families and the piloting of feminine hygiene product dispensers in select middle and high schools.

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EQUITY BOARD RETREAT FEEDBACK

The Office of Equity and Diversity provided updates on its priorities for the 2021-22 equity audit. Priorities include focus on grades, GPA, and all end-of-course activities. Recommended strategies for all priorities were presented during the meeting with the full list of recommendations found [here](#).

GRADES

- Conduct professional learning on the accuracy and efficacy of grading.
- Conduct grading audits and introduce quarterly grading protocol, led by teachers.
- Develop a plan of action for schools with a high number of failures.

GPA

- Graduation Coach partnerships with every Freshman in targeted school.
- Generate quarterly reports of students eligible for AP.
- Expansion of AP courses and training for recommended teachers in advanced courses.

END-OF-COURSE

- Regional meetings to discuss best practices on grades, staffing, and other barriers.
- Graduation Coaches in targeted schools
- Establish a protocol to evaluate students' academic status in November to determine one's passing potential.



COVID-19 UPDATES

Updates on COVID were presented during the meeting. Per the latest Shelby County Health Department (SCHD) Health Directive #25 sent out on September 7, masking is required at all indoor public settings, including schools. Students (ages 2+), faculty, staff, and visitors are required to wear a mask when indoors at all schools (public, private/independent, charter, daycares) in Shelby County. Additional updates from the health department along with a detailed layout of the contact tracing process can be 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.