

Superintendent's Message



Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

Welcome to South Holland District 150. Join us in welcoming all new families and the following newly hired staff to our district: Klaines Hines, Kindergarten teacher, Greenwood School; Nyle Taylor, Interim Band/Music teacher, McKinley School; Cheryl Moore, Special Education teacher, McKinley School; Scott Hannagan, 5th grade teacher, McKinley School; Pablo Reyes, 7th grade Math teacher, McKinley School; Leopoldo Zambrano, custodian, McKinley School; Adriana Vasquez, custodian, Greenwood School; Ayanna Perkin has been reassigned from Dean of Students to Assistant Principal, McKinley School; Denise Mabry, Social Worker Intern, Chicago State University; and Antashia Taylor, Social Worker Intern, University of Illinois.

The staff again met over the summer to work on curriculum development and pre- and post-assessments to measure student growth in mathematics and reading in all grade levels and content areas in the junior high. Once again, the state superintendent reported that the tests results for the PARCC assessments for reading and mathematics are low across the state. However, we see a 5% growth in reading and mathematics compared to last year's results. Information regarding student achievement will be shared as soon as the results are received. The state assessment covers student proficiency in English/language arts and mathematics.

This year, we are in our 2nd year of implementing the adopted reading and mathematics series. We are pleased with the hard work and commitment of staff and administration to prepare our students to become college and career ready.

We encourage parents/guardians to be involved in your child's educational training. We encourage you to attend Parent/Teacher Conferences, review mid quarter progress reports and review your child's grades regularly on PowerSchool. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's performance, contact the teachers and principal if needed. It is imperative that home and school work together as partners to ensure student academic success.

The principals will be requesting that you respond to the state's parent survey called the 5Essentials. The survey is designed to be used by individual schools for improvement and growth. You will be hearing from the principals soon regarding your participation with this survey. They will also ask teachers and students to take the 5Essential survey that has been developed for them. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Educationally yours,

Jerry Jordan, Ed.D.