

Hamilton County Department of Education
Work/Agenda Session
October 20, 2022 4:30 PM
3074 Hickory Valley Road
Chattanooga, TN 37421

I. Call to Order

II. Delegations

A. Jeanette Omarkhail, HCEA speaking regarding PECCA

B. Moises Rodriguez Cruz speaking regarding and article in the Chattanooga about HCS students

C. Amy Xiloj Ceciliom former student speaking on how being a person of color in Hamilton County is a big impact

D. Amy Guglrewro - with Semillas - speaking regarding experience as a former paraprofessional

E. Angela Favaloro speaking regarding 2nd and 1st read policies, safety/security, and ethics

III. Presentation(s)

A. Chief Operations Officer - Dr. Robert Sharpe

1. School Safety

IV. Discussion of Board Policy 6.201 - Compulsory Attendance Ages - Chairwoman Robinson

V. Discussion of Board Meeting Agenda - Chairwoman Robinson

VI. Adjourn



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SCHOOLS**

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Memorandum

To: Hamilton County Board of Education

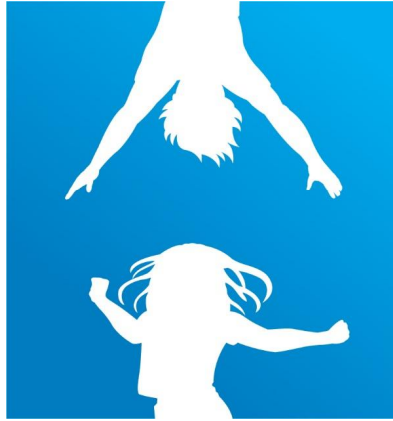
Justin Robertson, Ed.D.
Superintendent

From: Robert Sharpe, Ed.D.
Chief Operations Officer

Date: October 20, 2022

Re: Request to Present

The Operations Department respectfully requests the opportunity to present at the October agenda session. The topic of this presentation will be School Safety.



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School Safety

October, 2022



All children thrive and experience a future without limits.

Future Ready 2023!



**Accelerating
Student
Achievement**



**Future Ready
Students**



**Great Teachers
& Leaders**



**Engaged
Community**



**Efficient &
Effective
Operations**

School Safety

Beliefs:

- We believe in the **value and dignity of every child**
- We believe **every student is full of potential**
- We believe that it is the **responsibility of the whole community** to ensure that **all children are well**
- We believe that we are **accountable to nurture and protect all students**
- We believe that **all children must feel safe in order to thrive**

Commitments:

- We are committed to building schools and a school system where all children experience **connection and belonging**
- We are committed to maintaining structures and systems that support the **well-being and safety of the whole-child**
- We are committed to our **shared responsibility to create systems that break down barriers** resulting in equitable outcomes for all students

Safety Investments

Facilities

Systems

Personnel

Investment in Facilities

- ❖ Hardened Entrances
- ❖ Secured Exterior Doors
- ❖ Surveillance Cameras



Investment in Systems

- ❖ Raptor Visitor Management
- ❖ Anonymous Quick-Tip
- ❖ School Messenger



Investment in Personnel

- ❖ School Safety Officers
- ❖ Additional Counselors, Social Workers, Advocates
- ❖ Training



HCS Family Pulse Check - September

How are things going for your student?

72.2%

Responded favorably
4 or 5 stars

I am comfortable with the safety measures in place at my child's school.

76.8%

Responded favorably
Rated 7-10

1,846 family responses



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Hamilton County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: Compulsory Attendance Ages	Descriptor Code: 6.201	Issued Date: 07/18/13
		Rescinds:	Issued: 09/15/16

General Provisions

Children between the ages of 6 and 17 years, inclusively, must attend a public or private school.¹

The compulsory attendance law, however, shall not apply to the following:²

- 1) A student who has received a diploma or other certificate of graduation;
- 2) A student who is enrolled and making satisfactory progress in a course leading to a GED;
- 3) A student enrolled in a homeschool who has reached the age of 17.

A parent or guardian or legal custodian who believes that his or her six-year old child is not ready to attend school may make application to the principal of the public school that the child would attend requesting a one-semester or one-year deferral in required attendance. Any such deferral shall be reported to the director of schools by the principal. Under certain circumstances, the Board may temporarily excuse students from complying with the provisions of the compulsory attendance law.³

No child shall be eligible to enter first grade without having attended an approved Kindergarten program.

A child entering a special education program shall be no less than three years of age.

Five-year old children

Any child residing within the State who will be five years of age on or before August 15 and whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) applies for admission shall be enrolled in the school designated by the Board.⁴

Adult Students

Any student presently enrolled in the Hamilton County Schools who has his or her 18th birthday during the school year will be allowed to complete the school year at that school.

The student may be allowed to continue in that school for one additional semester provided that (1) the student will be able to earn sufficient credits in order to graduate at the end of that semester; (2) in the judgment of the principal, the student has had good attendance; and (3) in the judgment of the principal, the student has not been a disciplinary problem. Any student who wishes to remain enrolled in Hamilton County Schools who does not meet these criteria may apply to attend Hamilton County High School's adult high school program.

¹ T.C.A. §49-6-3001(c)(1)

² T.C.A. §49-6-3005

³ T.C.A. §49-6-3005

⁴ T.C.A. §49-6-201(3); T.C.A. §49-6-201(8)(d); Tennessee Rules and Regulations 0520-1-3.03(10)