



Canton Public School District

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School Board We Appreciate You!

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In public schools, the giving starts at the top with the school board. The board's job is to determine a vision for education; design a structure to achieve that vision; assure the schools are accountable to the local community; and advocate for continuous improvement in student learning. These responsibilities require the unselfish giving of time and service. There are an endless number of meetings and school functions to attend; unlimited amounts of reports, agendas, proposals and other information to read and study; and a variety of difficult decisions to make. Being a local school board member can be a thankless job. Many board members are motivated by their beliefs in public service and that they can make a difference. Sometimes a little gratitude and encouragement go a long way toward helping them see that their efforts are appreciated. Please be sure to tell your Canton Public School Board of Trustees that you appreciate all of their hard work to move this district forward to educate children.

A Salute to Our School Board of Trustees SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Canton Public School District, I commend our School Board of Trustees for its tireless work to educate our future. You go above and beyond the call of duty year after year striving for the very best for our children. Your commitment and dedication to elevating young minds to reach their full potential does not go unnoticed. You never know the countless lives you touch or hearts and minds you inspire. The district salutes you for helping our children have conducive learning environments and hiring qualified administrators and teachers to give our children every opportunity to master the fundamentals and improve their academic performance. I cannot thank you enough for all you do. It truly takes all of us working together with one vision and mission to make a difference.

Keep up the good work!

*Dwight J. Lockett
Superintendent*



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GREAT JOB!

Canton Elementary Salutes Mrs. Olivia Harrell

Many students come to school each day excited about learning. However, some of our students bring problems and concerns from home and neighborhood into the classroom hoping that school can be a bright spot in their day. We have an obligation to meet the challenges of these students and all other students.

Olivia Harrell



CES Principal Rhonda Powe thanks Mrs. Harrell for all of her support and hard work to educate students.

McNeal Elementary Salutes Mrs. Jimmie Goodloe

As a member on the Canton Public School District Board of Trustees and a retired educator for thirty years, my efforts are geared towards helping to create a learning atmosphere that focuses on the success of all students. We must continuously strive to improve the educational process so that our students will not only excel academically, but will become well-rounded thinkers with positive attitudes and a strong sense of values. There have been great efforts put forth to bring about more parental and community involvement in the educational process. The superintendent, assistant superintendent, principals and the administrative staff have worked diligently with the school board exerting all of their expertise to help create a curriculum that will enhance the learning process of all students. Modern technology is a great part of our schools' curriculum that starts with the lower elementary students. The future of our district looks very promising especially with the institution of tutoring programs throughout the district. We have enlisted the assistance of our parents, community clergymen and business leaders to help us to accomplish our goals. With everyone working together to produce a curriculum that will enhance the learning process of students at all levels, No Child Will Be Left Behind.



McNeal Elementary Principal Bobby Washington thanks Mrs. Goodloe for her years of tireless support and dedication to ensure a brighter future for all students.

Jimmie Goodloe

Nichols Middle School Salutes Mr. Walter Jones



Nichols Middle School Assistant Principal Michael Ellis and Nichols Principal Roosevelt Greenwood salute Walter Jones for all of his years of service and hard work to improve the school district.



My vision for the Canton Public School District is consistent with the national public schools goal to ultimately educate each and every child to the fullest of his/her potential. I believe that the Canton Public School District can and will seek to achieve this vision through its mission: "The mission of the Canton Public School District is to foster a lifelong thirst for learning within each student. In order to accomplish our mission, we shall con-

tinually strive to improve our educational services and thus, meet the demands of the community for quality. We shall continue our quest to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to work effectively with students from diverse ethnic and cultural groups and to help all students develop positive attitudes and values." We can achieve this mission through consistent school-community involvement and cooperation. We must together face the new challenges of our district, community, and society.

Walter Jones



*"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence."
Abigail Adams - 1780*



Canton Career Center Salutes Mr. Leigh Michael Pace

A successful public education system is vital to the educational and economic survival of any municipality. The Canton Public School Board is striving to create an environment conducive to learning for the children of our district. In raising the educational level of our district, it is imperative that all sectors of the community become involved with the activities of the district. Our children deserve our best effort, and in return, we will receive their highest achievement. The Canton Public School Board and staff are committed to making this happen. Support the city of Canton by supporting our schools.

Leigh Michael Pace



CCC Director Michael Myrick honors Vice-Chairman Leigh Michael Pace for his devoted and tireless years of service to move the district to reach greater heights and improve student performance.

Canton Educational Services Center Salutes Mr. Leigh Michael Pace



“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.”

Robert Louis Stevenson

CESC Principal Roosevelt Roberts salutes Vice-Chairman Leigh Michael Pace for his support and dedicated service to the district.

Canton High School Salutes Mr. Derek Starling

My vision of the future for the Canton Public School System is to create a culture that emphasizes lifelong learning and that motivates and challenges students to do and be their best. The Board will work diligently and collaboratively with school administrators to develop and implement systems that will accentuate continuous improvement in all aspects of education.

Derek Starling



Canton High Assistant Principal Shirley Sanders thanks Chairman Derek Starling for his excellent leadership and dedicated years of service to ensure the district continues to move forward and its students achieve greater academic success.

Canton School of Arts and Sciences Salutes Mr. Derek Starling



CSAS Principal Dr. Pallascene Cole and her students thank Mr. Starling and the School Board for all of their endless hours of service to the district to ensure our future leaders get a quality education.

Surprise! Surprise!



To show its gratitude, the District surprises the Board with an Appreciation Luncheon complete with inspirational entertainment and words of thanks.



Canton Recording Artist and former CPS student Ashford Sanders inspires the Board with his songs of praise.



School board members touch many lives. These Canton School of Arts & Sciences students say thanks for all of your hard work!



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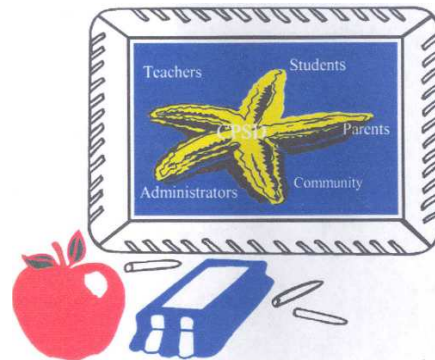
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“Working Together Works”



Whose Child Is This?

"Whose child is this?" I asked one day
Seeing a little one out at play.
"Mine", said the parent with a tender smile
"Mine to keep a little while.
To bathe his/her hands and comb his/her hair,
To tell him/her what he/she is to wear,
To prepare him/her that he/she may always be good,
And each day do the things he/she should".

"Whose child is this?" I asked again,
As the door opened and someone came in.
"Mine", said the teacher with the same tender smile.
"Mine, to keep just for a little while.
To teach him/her how to be gentle and kind,
To train and direct his/her dear little mind,
To help him/her live by every rule,
And get the best he/she can from school".

"Whose child is this?" I asked once more,
Just as the little one entered the door.
"Ours", said the parent and the teacher as they smiled.
And each took the hand of the little child.
"Ours to love and train together.
Ours this blessed task forever."

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