

The Bridge

Connecting Shelby County Public Schools with the world

Teacher Appreciation

They come every year. Some handwritten. Some typed. Some emailed. Some short. Some long. In many ways, the one I received Friday was just like all the others. It was short - one sentence stating the intent to retire effective June 30, 2017. Yet, the letter said much more to me. Maybe it was because it was from someone I taught with. Maybe it was because I spoke with a student a few weeks ago who told me this teacher was one of his life's greatest positive influences. Or maybe it was because I've seen so many great teachers give themselves joyfully, selflessly, and with no-regret to this profession. I'm not sure why. But this weekend, as I consider teacher appreciation week, I'm filled with profound pride to have watched and worked alongside so many outstanding people in this profession – people who live out our mission over a lifetime – leading by example and embracing social responsibility. [READ MORE HERE...](#)



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Profile of a Graduate / Strategic Leadership Team Are you a part of the movement?



Four years ago, a committed group of stakeholders worked hard to help plot the direction for our District. The product they created ([The SLP](#)) is set to conclude in 2018. Now is the time to set the course for the next phase of teaching and learning in Shelby County. YOU CAN BE A PART OF IT.

The first step is to agree on what we believe a Shelby County graduate should mean. It must mean more than simply a test score. Shouldn't it be about the 21st Century Skills and empathy and transformation and so much more? Susan Dugle is hosting a meeting on May 2 at 6:30 to lead the discussion. It will be at the Southside Elementary - join us!

If you can't be at the May 2 meeting. STAY TUNED. The next step in this journey will be a (re)formation of the team that will create the next SLP. This is your chance to help set the course for the future of Shelby County Public Schools.

Reminders & Resources

[Student Achievement Blog](#)

[Registration for PS-2 teachers: Early Math Institute](#)

[Strategic Leadership Plan website](#)

