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Clinton Public School District on track for strong year in 2019

By Clinton Public School District Superintendent Tim Martin



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It is a wonderful time to be an Arrow! As a district, we have seen tremendous growth in our enrollment, and everyone has taken the pursuit of excellence to heart. Clinton's public schools continue to be among the very best in Mississippi, and I'm immensely proud of our teachers, students and community.

The Clinton Public School District follows a strategic plan, and I'm pleased to report that we are meeting or exceeding all five of our strategic goals:

• Goal I – Excellence in Customer Service

CPSD continues to focus on being customer service friendly to the families in our district. Ongoing staff training is focused on listening to concerns and making sure that issues are addressed in a timely manner. We are grateful for the tremendous support of our community, and we don't ever want to take it for granted. We ask that any parents or community members who have a concern let us know at the school or district level so we can address it before it becomes a larger issue.

• Goal II – Excellence in Academics

CPSD is once again an A-rated school district and the highest achieving school district by far in the Jackson metro area. This year, Eastside Elementary joins Lovett and Clinton High School as a National Blue Ribbon School (a designation from the U.S. Department of Education based on the school's strong academic programs). Our teachers and administrators are focused as never before on ensuring that all students show growth in academic achievement. We continue to set high expectations for students and staff, and work hard toward continued academic growth and achievement.

• Goal III – Excellence in Facilities

Our community overwhelmingly

supported a \$25 million school bond issue in September, which will be used to expand and upgrade nearly all schools in CPSD. The largest project will be relocating the CHS Career Complex facilities to the main campus of Clinton High School, and repurposing the old facilities into arts and STEM classrooms at Clinton Junior High. Additionally, renovations and expansions at Lovett, Northside and Clinton Park will help us accommodate a growing enrollment. Construction at CHS is expected to begin this spring.

• Goal IV – Excellence in Technology

CPSD continues to lead the way in technology resources for both teachers and students. Our 1:1 Technology Initiative is in its sixth year of operation, and our students and teachers are accomplishing tasks we could only dream about a few short years ago. We are constantly upgrading our technology infrastructure to ensure that it keeps up with changing demands. Technology infusion into daily instruction has become the expectation for all teachers.

• Goal V – Excellence in Health and Wellness

The health and wellness of students and employees is a priority in CPSD. We continue to stress the importance of healthy lifestyles. Our continued partnership with Move to Learn is growing this year, with Clinton High School students helping the program create age-appropriate music and exercise for older students. District-wide, each school's health council meets regularly and plans opportunities to increase awareness of healthy nutrition and fitness.

Also on the horizon for 2019 is the "50 Years of Excellence" celebration, as we commemorate our 50th anniversary as a separate school district. We are assembling a committee of retired teachers, administrators, alumni and other supporters to coordinate these activities. We are looking forward to the opportunity to say thank you to all who have helped our school district become what it is today.

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