

Construction, communication on CPSD's 2020 agenda

By Dr. Tim Martin, Superintendent, Clinton Public School District

The sounds of construction fill the air at Clinton High School and Clinton Junior High, and very soon, several other campuses.

We appreciate our community supporting a \$25 million bond issue in 2018,

and the bond funds are now being used to build new Career and Technical Education facilities at Clinton High School and to improve and expand several other schools including Clinton Park Elementary, Northside Elementary, Lovett Elementary and Clinton Junior High.

Moving the CHS Career Complex to the main campus of CHS has been a long-term goal for us, and, through the 2018 bond issue, this goal will become a reality. In addition to building new CTE facilities, we are also examining the courses we offer and making sure they are relevant to our students' college and career choices.

We're proud to partner with Hinds Community College and Continental Tire to offer a new CTE course on advanced manufacturing. This new program provides classroom learning



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combined with real world, hands-on experience in a manufacturing setting to better prepare students for careers at Continental and other industries.

Another significant focus for CPSD in 2020 is communication. For safety reasons, we recently eliminated school and district social media, and we want to ensure that we are still effectively communicating with parents and our community.

We recently completed a series of focus group meetings with representatives from different stakeholder groups, as well as a community-wide online survey. We wanted to find out what kinds of information people wanted to receive from us, what format they want to receive it in, and how often.

We are using data collected in this process to determine next steps and will roll out our new communication strategy in 2020. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey and tell us their communication preferences.

As superintendent, it's my goal to make sure our schools continue to meet or exceed expectations, and it's such a blessing to work with so many dedicated faculty and staff members. It's our honor to serve the children and families of Clinton, and we appreciate your support in 2020.

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Le Bonté Women's Club maintains community service goals

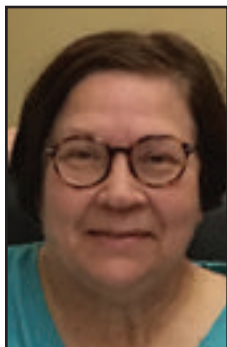
By Amy Douglas Flourney, President, Le Bonté Women's Club

The Le Bonté Women's Club was formed in 1974 in Clinton as a part of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs. The club's name is a French phrase, loosely translated meaning

"kindness and benevolence." Club members focus on the needs of the community, recognize women's past achievements, promote literacy for all and encourage good health practices.

Sharing information and offering scholarship aid for Clinton students are major goals of the nondenominational women's volunteer service organization, with the new year seeing our members continuing community support for a number of special causes.

I have had the pleasure of being a



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member for some forty years and of serving several terms as an officer. Meeting the second Monday of each month at Northside Baptist Church, we hear about pertinent topics, such as senior living support, recycling, community safety, education and other important topics presented by expert speakers from throughout the area.

In this day of some waning interest in civic clubs, Le Bonté members try to be aware of various community needs in which we are able to offer assistance. The membership will continue to support a number of community efforts, such as the Good Samaritan program, Operation Christmas Child, the Friends of the Library's Christmas Tree Gala, Clinton Junior High's Life Skills class, the 4C's, CARA, and Soul City Church.

Our officers are Serena Calhoun, vice president; Paula Wimbish, recording secretary; Melinda Ellis, corresponding secretary; Carol Pate, treasurer; Paula Craft, chaplain; Ruth Ann Broome, parliamentarian; and Carole Kelly, publicity.

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