



MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS

As Madison County Schools begin a new school year facing many opportunities and challenges, Superintendent David Copeland has scheduled a series of community engagement meetings to meet the community and the System's stakeholders, to inform citizens about the goals of the district, its financial standing, and to solicit the input of the community on moving Madison County Schools forward. **The first one will be Monday, September 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at Hazel Green High School.**

Dr. Copeland values and seeks the collective wisdom, strength, and suggestions of the community and stakeholders in providing the best education opportunities for the children of Madison County. It is his desire to listen intently to others and reflect on ideas that may assist in leading Madison County students to *"Explore... Discover... and Excel"*.

Two (2) community meetings are scheduled in each high school cluster during the year. Meetings will be held in the cafeteria of the high school at 6:00 p.m. The goals of these meetings are to:

- Maintain and build upon the high degree of trust that currently exists between the Madison County School community;
- Inform internal and external stakeholders of the fiscal standing of Madison County Schools and how it affects decisions;
- Provide updates on the Capital Plan, safety and the curriculum; and
- Give stakeholders an opportunity for input into the decision process of their school system.

The Community Engagement Meetings are open to the public and are scheduled for the following dates:

Monday, September 23, 2013	Hazel Green High School Cafeteria	6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 30, 2013	Madison County High School Cafeteria	6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 21, 2013	Buckhorn High School Cafeteria	6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 28, 2013	New Hope High School Cafeteria	6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 4, 2013	Sparkman High School Cafeteria	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 18, 2014	Hazel Green High School Cafeteria	6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 24, 2014	Buckhorn High School Cafeteria	6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 10, 2014	Madison County High School Cafeteria	6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 17, 2014	New Hope High School Cafeteria	6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 7, 2014	Sparkman High School Cafeteria	6:00 p.m.

Dr. Copeland looks forward to seeing you and listening to your input at the community meetings.

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