



Cannon County Schools

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School Board Appreciation Week Set for January 22nd – 28th, 2023

WOODBURY, TN – January 22nd – 28th, 2023, is School Board Appreciation Week in Tennessee. Cannon County Schools is joining public school districts from across the state to celebrate School Board Appreciation Week and honor local board members for their commitment to Cannon County and its children. The theme “***Let’s Face It – School Boards Work***” reminds us to celebrate the unique role school boards play in building a future for their students, championing and advocating for quality education, and governing their local public schools. As the elected/appointed representatives of the people in their local communities, they represent their local communities’ voice and vision for the future of their public schools. “It takes strong schools to build a strong community, and these men and women devote countless hours to making sure our schools are helping every child learn at a higher level,” Director of Cannon County Schools - Mr. William Freddy Curtis said.

“The school board’s main goal is to support student achievement,” Curtis added. “To achieve that goal, the board focuses on the following needs:

- Creating a vision for what the community wants the school district to be and for making student achievement the top priority;
- Setting the direction of the school district to achieve the highest student performance;
- Ensuring progress is measured to be sure the district’s goals are achieved and students are learning at expected levels;
- Supporting a healthy and safe school district culture in which to work and to learn;
- Forming partnerships with others in the community to solve common problems; and
- Focusing on continuous improvement by questioning, examining, revising, refining, and revisiting issues related to student achievement.”

“Even though we are making a special effort during the last week of January to show appreciation for our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-

round effort on their part,” Curtis said. “Our local school board impacts every student every day in Cannon County by influencing the high-quality of education that our children and youth receive. The Cannon County Board of Education shows its commitment to educational excellence and equity—and for that we are very grateful for their attitude of service. Our deepest appreciation is extended to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to participate in education. We salute the public servants of the Cannon County Board of Education whose commitment and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible. They have committed to hundreds of hours in research and meetings this past year to refine and amplify the Districts’ Vision, Mission and Goals. Which are: Vision – ‘To Actively Engage in Excellence EVERY Day in EVERY Way!’ Mission Statement – ‘To Create an Environment of Excellence That Will Provide Opportunities for All Students to Succeed and Reach Their Full Potential.’ Goals: ‘Cannon County Schools will: Develop and implement a long-range educational plan that provides opportunities and resources for all Students, Faculties, and Staffs; Provide a safe and supportive learning environment in a unified community; Creating a ‘Culture of Excellence’ through high expectations in all areas; and Engage families and the community as partners in the learning process.’ The continuing implementation of this 5 Year Strategic Plan will continue to be intense in the up-coming months/years and will involve great change and hard work on ALL staff in Cannon County Schools. These are the beginning steps in a series of many steps on a journey that will impact succeeding generations of students in Cannon County.”

The members serving our district are as follows: Chairman of the Board - Mrs. Aletha Thomas – District 5: Woodbury City Limits & area to the West of Woodbury; Vice Chairman - Mr. Derrick Mullins – District 3: Woodland/Southern Communities of Cannon County; Chairman Pro Tem – Mrs. Rebecca Tramel – District 2 Auburntown/Short Mountain/Northern Communities of Cannon County; Mr. Wade McMackins - District 1: West Side Community/Western Communities of Cannon County; and Mrs. Jessica Curtis - District 4: East Side/Short Mountain/Eastern Communities of Cannon County.

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Seated Left to Right: Mr. Derrick Mullins – District 3 & Vice Chairman; Mrs. Aletha Thomas – District 5 & Chairman of the Board; Mrs. Rebecca Tramel – District 2 & Chairman Pro Tem; Standing Left to Right: Mr. Wade McMackins – District 1; and Mrs. Jessica Curtis – District 4.



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, an excellent public education system is key to our State's continued prosperity and success, ensuring the quality of life for Tennessee's communities and the economic development of the State; and

WHEREAS, our local school boards have demonstrated a strong commitment to quality public education by securing necessary resources, promoting academic standards, and fostering partnerships within communities; and

WHEREAS, school board members support and appreciate the efforts of students, educators, and administrators who diligently encourage students to graduate high school prepared for the workplace; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of our local school boards are elected by the people to make decisions most appropriate for their communities and deserve recognition and thanks for their countless hours of service to public education in Tennessee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim January 22-28, 2023 as

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in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



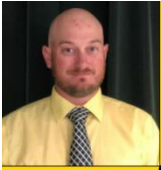
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this fifteenth day of November 2022.

Bill Lee

Governor

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Secretary of State



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