



# FULTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Home of the Pilots*

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Dear Pilot Families:

Our students will return to the Pilot House in eight days, and we are excited about their return! This summer has flown by. With that said, the administrators, teachers, and custodial staff have been working hard to get our buildings ready for the first day of 2023.

First, I want to tell you about some changes and additions to the staff. Mrs. Sondra Gibbs has transferred to the central office as instructional supervisor, and Mrs. Ashton Giles is settling in as the new elementary principal. Mrs. Tiea Cross-Davis has joined the administrative team as the middle school's assistant principal. Mrs. Dana Crawford is now the Director of Operations and Athletic Director. Hickman native Bret Johnson is the new Four River Career Academy's principal.

In addition to changes in administration, you will see new faces to the teaching staff in all schools and one new position. We know the importance of Arts and Humanities for our students; we hired a new band teacher to build a music program for students in grades 4-12. Mr. Nick Fuson recently graduated from Murray State University and is eager to get the music program going strong.

Finally, last year, one of our goals was to adopt a new mission and vision statement and define our core beliefs for the twenty-three school year. All stakeholders joined in throughout the process. The Board has been "All In" and adopted the mission and vision at their Special Called Board meeting on August 7, 2023.

We want to share our new mission, vision, and core beliefs with our families and community. They are as follows:

**Mission Statement:** Compassion + High Standards = Growth for All

**Vision Statement:** Relentlessly Pursuing Excellence

"All In" is the district's theme this year as we attended professional training to solidify our commitment to student(s) success and the relentless pursuit of excellence.

Lastly, our **CORE BELIEFS:**

1. Fulton County students should have a caring educator/staff.
2. Fulton County students should believe in themselves.
3. Fulton County students should feel safe and be challenged.
4. Fulton County students should be treated equally.
5. Fulton County students should believe they have a future and opportunities.

The faculty, staff, and students ask you to be "ALL IN" as we are Relentlessly Pursuing Excellence!

### **Fulton County Board of Education**

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