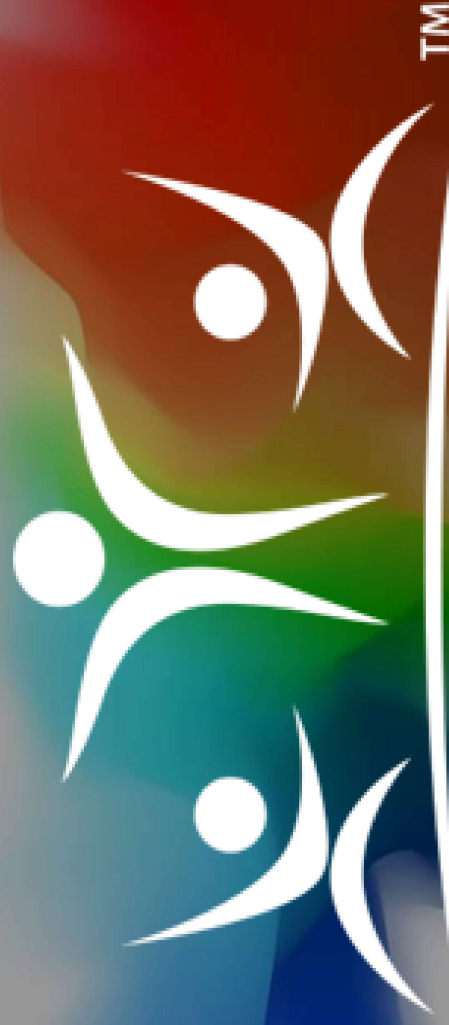


We Were Ready!!!!

2024-2025

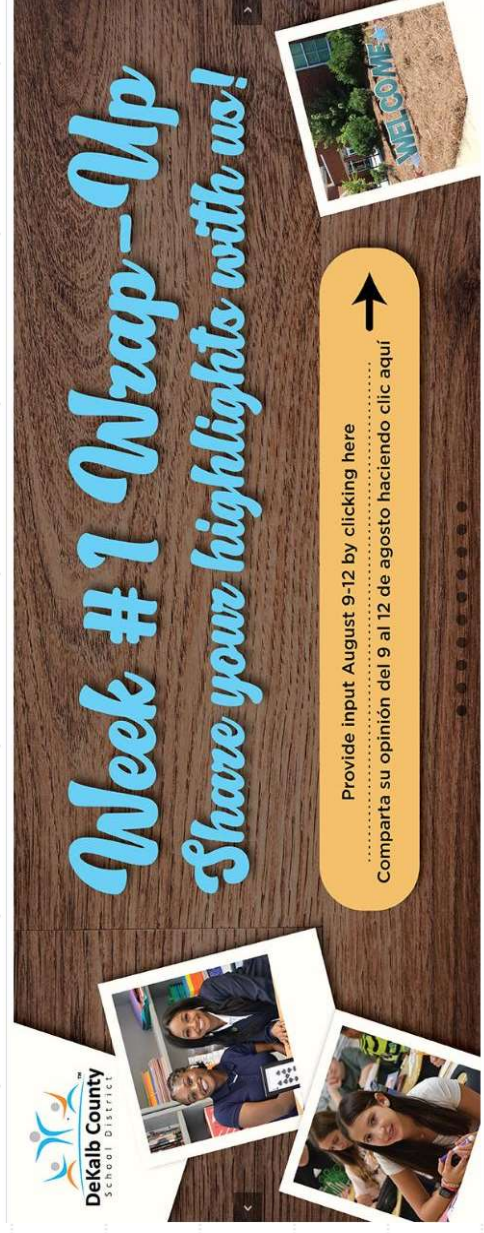
By: Mr. Elijah Palmer
Chief of Staff



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"Teachers and staff are amazing!!! Came in ready to get to work. It's so important to have a school staff that will emulate positivity to the students to set the tone for the year."

"Seeing my son coming out of school so happy and pleased with everything makes me feel so grateful. Is important because as parents we are always worry of their feeling and their wellbeing."

"Great bus transport team... Helps get kids to school on time and start their day with right."

"School Admin responsiveness helps teachers feel seen and heard while the DISTRICT continues to look over imperative needs for maintenance and network issues."



DISRUPTING FOR EXCELLENCE
NEW LEVELS
HEIGHTS
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Back to School Rally.

Opening Convocation.

Creating a Blameless Culture.

The Strategic Plan is ready for launch to all stakeholders.

105 CEP schools in the district.

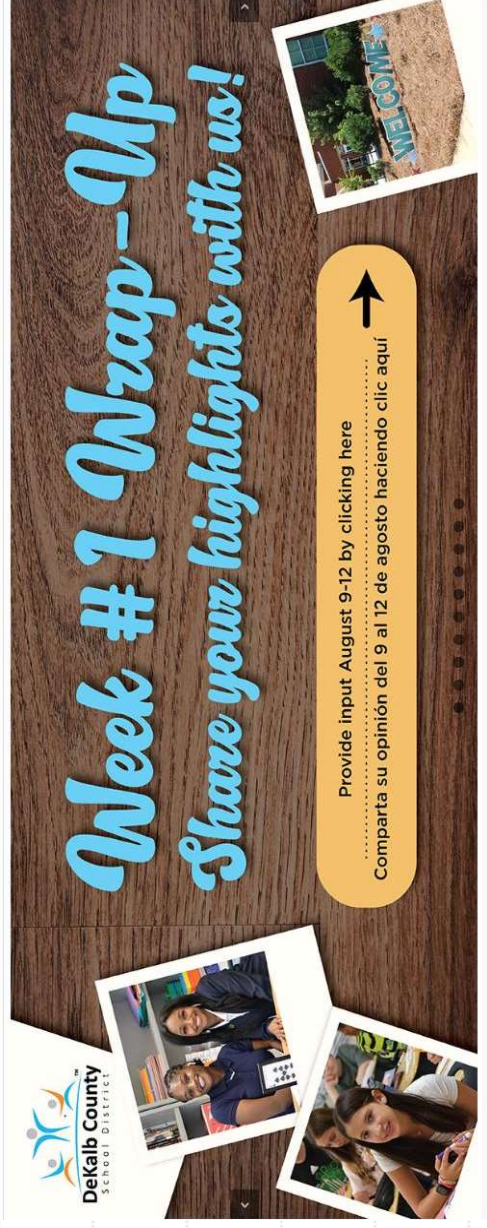
The central office showed up at school buildings all week offering support.



Enrollment and Staffing

- Warm Body Count after Day 5 is at 81, 739, which is 732 greater than Day 5 of 2023.
- The teacher vacancy total is down to 119 after Day 4.





"I also am a supporter of the metal detectors and the Pilot Program at DECA."

"Extremely smooth opening! Scholars and instructors are trying to form a bond and develop rapport."

"Overall, a great start to the school year! I think the new principals are eager to do what's best for our students. They are already putting systems in place to support both staff and students."

"Quality of our discussions on persuasion and attribution in Advanced Placement Psychology. Students are engaged and excited to learn."



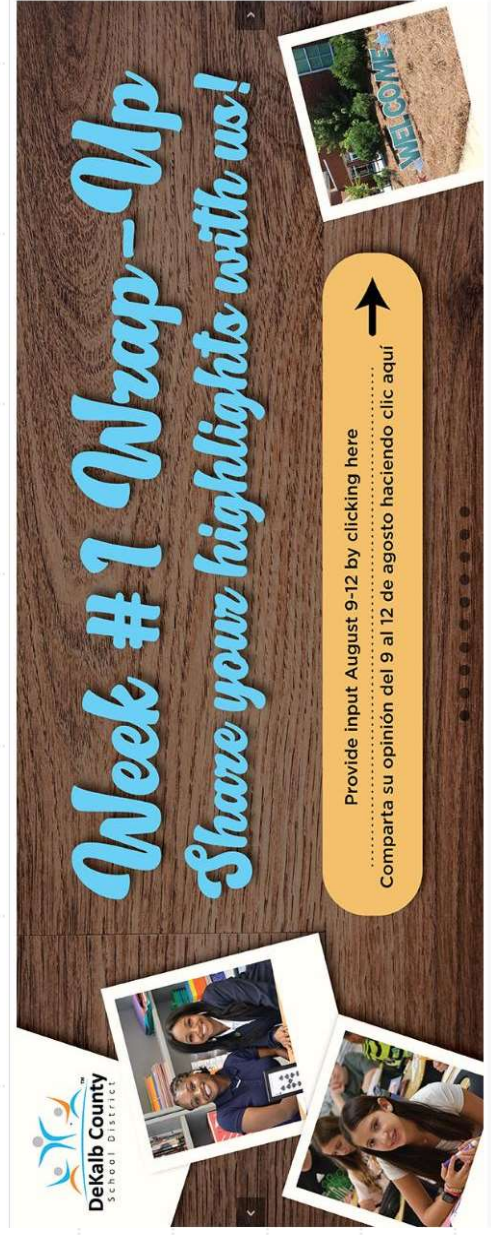
Facilities and Transportation

- Operations have worked tirelessly to ensure functioning HVAC across the district.
- Most schools had functioning air conditioners. Air coolers were distributed to specific schools across the district as needed.
- School Leaders implemented contingency plans that identified alternate spaces to mitigate temperature challenges.
- Transportation reported that 90% of routes were on time during the first week despite having a current shortage of 75 drivers.
- Transportation is still working through SPED routing and concerns that are occurring.

Curriculum and Instruction

- Teaching and learning is occurring across the district during school visits.
- Scholars were actively participating in group discussions.
- Schools are speaking on the 6 Essential Systems and incorporating H-PRIDE in the process.
- Rituals and Routines along with Affirmations and Intentions were prevalent during school visits.
- MAP testing window is starting this year to get teachers the data sooner.
- There were clear expectations as students transitioned in the hallways between classes.





"Seeing the students happy faces! It means they feel welcomed and valued. That's HPRIDE in action."

"Fantastic transition to a new school! My girls are in Kinder and 2nd and are transitioning from a private Christian school to public. The team at Rockbridge has made it smooth for us."

"The highlight of our first week was my daughter making the volleyball team with the reigning champs!!! Last year we didn't make the team. But she was at 90% of the games supporting the girls and she worked her tail off at multiple clinics. She earned it."

Student Services and Early Learning Supports

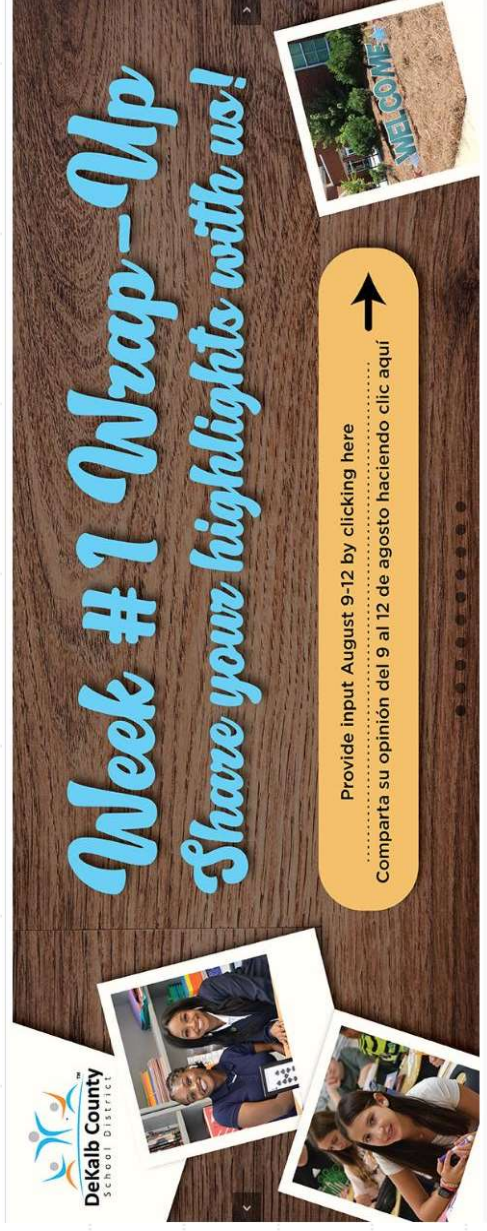
- Gifted Identification Process Meetings concluded for all Area Principal Teams - to review and discuss gifted identification process changes. Multiple expressions of excitement and enthusiasm were received about the inclusive changes we have made.
- During the first week of school, the International Student Screening Center provided interpretation and translation services to schools with a large population of families whose Primary Home Language is Other Than English (PHLOTE).
- Science of Reading training for Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 teachers and paraprofessionals was approved this week - the first of 10 PL sessions will occur on 8/28/24.



Safety and Security

- EVOLV weapons detectors were delivered to additional schools and placed outside of the board room.
- Additional SRO's are being hired so that we have 2 per high school and 1 per middle school.
- Elementary Security Associate (ESA) hires are a priority.
- Centegix badges were disseminated across the district. A webinar for new users was shared with School Leaders for their new and novice staff.
- Currently working on a security plan for our stadiums while collaborating with Athletics, Area Supt, and Public Safety.





"Being featured in a DCSD video about the first day and meeting my new students! Feeling included / recognized by peers, and enjoying the excitement along with the new students."

"How excited my kids were to get on the school bus and see their friends again. To help with their independence and confidence when they are away from home with me."

"Walking my daughter to her classroom! It definitely helped with the transition to kindergarten and a brand new, big school."

"Teacher camaraderie helps make the chaos not seem so isolating."



Community and Parental Engagement



- DCSD has a lot of awesome press this week. Total online news audience for the week was over 1,100,763 and the total for national tv audience was 1,981,694.2.
- The "Are You Ready DeKalb?" Back-to-School campaign included a high-energy hype video (featured on air by Fred Blankenship), convocation, and daily countdowns to the first day of school. These initiatives successfully generated excitement among students and staff for the new school year, as evidenced by the many photos of smiling faces captured in the schools.



Closing Remarks

*Disrupting For Excellence.
New Levels and New Heights
for DCSD looks like leading
with H-PRIDE!*





Week # 1 Wrap-Up

Share your highlights with us!



Provide input August 9-12 by clicking here

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Comparta su opinión del 9 al 12 de agosto haciendo clic aquí



**We will review ALL input
and share with internal stakeholders!**

Questions and Answers

