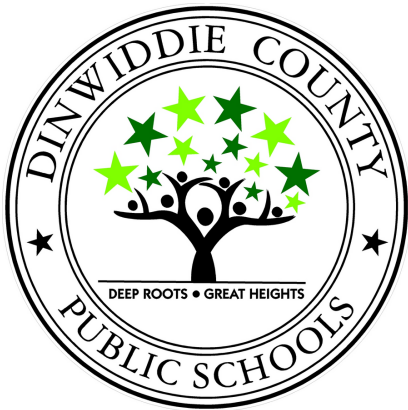


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# DINWIDDIE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD BULLETIN

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## *Happy American Education Week!*

November 14, 2022

Dear DCPS Educators and Staff:

This week we commemorate the efforts and contributions of all DCPS educators and staff. Education remains as the cornerstone of many communities. It is the one thing that can bring people together from various backgrounds, for one shared purpose. Education is the vehicle that inspires us all to do our best and be our best. With over 40% of our employees being alumni of the DCPS system, it is quite evident that the gift of education is perpetual, causing many of our graduates to come back and give back to the school and community they serve. We pay homage to the *deep roots* that have helped shape the minds of our students and a foundation of educational success. Some have family members who once were employed here and some chose to forge their own path by establishing roots in Dinwiddie. Regardless of your path to DCPS, the spirit and the tenacity personified in your work is evident in the caring culture we strive to create every single day.

It is through education that many of us discovered our identity and what we aspired to be. It was the gateway to our careers and the path that led us to discover more. It is through education that we began to dream and desire more for ourselves. To our students, perhaps it was a subject that wasn't embraced before, but with your style of teaching, students embraced it and succeeded. The student who walked with his head lowered can now walk with his head up, because he knows you care about him. The one who counted herself out before the competition started, now has you to thank, because your reassurance and encouragement was all the motivation she needed to simply try. You are the spark that encourages students' day after day to "*stick to it and work hard.*"

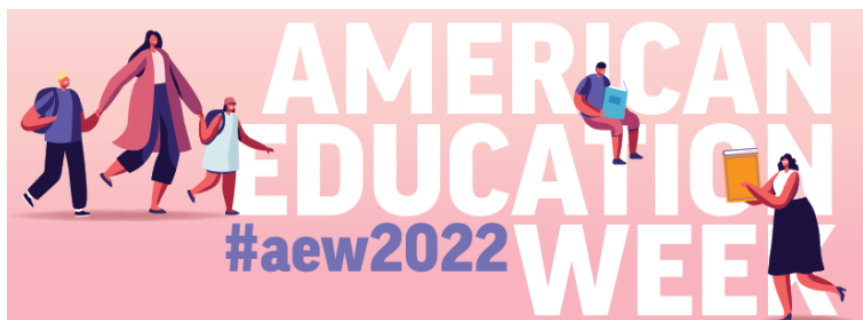
Education is a gateway, but it is the work of our educators that lead students there and provide them boundless opportunities to explore. Whether you realize it or not, your work will help some student's dreams become reality.

Serena Williams once said "*Everyone's dream can come true if you just stick to it and work hard.*" Thank you, educators and staff, for sticking with us, for sticking with education, for sticking with our students and for working hard. You are making dreams come true. You are making a difference.

Sincerely,

**Emily K. Branch**

Chief Human Resources Officer



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## CONSENT AGENDA

### Expenditure Reports

The expenditure reports was presented and approved.

### Approval of Minutes of October 11 and October 22

The minutes from the previous board meeting were approved.

## BOARD MATTERS

### Field Trips

The School Board approved the following field trips:

- DMS- Art Class Field Trip
- DMS- Busch Gardens Physics Day
- DMS- Chapel Hill NC Field Trip
- DHS- Southeast Area Tractor Operators Competition
- DHS- Virginia FFA Public Speaking Workshop

### Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) Prevention in Student Athletes

Jeff Walters shared a draft of the proposed policy.

### Alternative Routes to Licensure

Emily Branch shared information on the alternative routes.

### FY 2023 Amended Budget

Christie Fleming presented details of the amended budget.

## PERSONNEL REPORT

Congratulations to the following individuals on their new positions:

### Dinwiddie Elementary School

- Bernadette Spruill - PT School Nutrition Specialist

### Southside Elementary School

- Ashley Smith - Exceptional Education Paraprofessional

### Sunnyside Elementary School

- Dawn Jenkins - School Secretary/Bookkeeper I

### Sutherland Elementary School

- Christy Hayes - FT School Nutrition Specialist
- Pamela Witt - Bright Stars Teacher

### Dinwiddie Middle School

- Richard Atkins - Middle School Athletic Director
- Rossy Beasley - Football Assistant Coach
- Samantha Chesler-Barker - Read 180 Paraprofessional

### Dinwiddie High School

- Therman Brown - Girls Basketball Head JV Coach
- Kiara Deloatch - Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
- Torrie Walker - Assistant Principal



A poster for a BBQ dinner fundraiser. The background is dark wood. At the top left, it says "NAVY NATION CARES". The main text "BBQ dinner" is in large, white, stylized letters. A red circle on the right says "Tickets \$15". Below the main text, it says "Fundraiser" in white on a red background, followed by "To benefit the students who were hospitalized following a fire in the Chemistry Lab on October 12." The date "SATURDAY Nov 19th" is in white. The time "5:00pm-7:00pm" and location "Dinwiddie High School Cafeteria" are also in white. A photo of pulled pork in a red bowl is on the left. The menu includes: "Pulled Pork, Slaw, Baked Beans, Macaroni &amp; Cheese, Rolls and Dessert". A note says "\*Dine-in or carry out available". Contact information for more info is provided: "kfrakes@dcpsnet.org", "atorrice@dcpsnet.org", "jewalters@dcpsnet.org". A logo for "Navy Nation Cares" is in the bottom right corner. A small URL "http://www.PlanetDCPS.com" is at the bottom left.