Greetings Team Selma!

I am so excited to celebrate our wonderful Teachers of the Year! Each of these educators brings years of knowledge and dedication to our profession and we are grateful to have them on our team. As we move into the new year and beyond, I look forward to celebrating many more of educators and staff. Team Selma ROCKS!

During the last couple of months, I have enjoyed getting out to all schools and meeting with leaders from throughout the community. This will continue, and I will also begin having Lunch and Learn sessions with our students. My philosophy is STUDENTS FIRST and I am interested to hear from them and ensure that our work is supporting their needs. Also, look to hear more about our efforts to create a STEAM Academy at R.B. Hudson. STEAM is science, technology, engineering, arts and math. This innovative and challenging programming will be an incredible addition to our current offerings!

It is an exciting time to be a member of Team Selma! As of now, our district is no longer under state intervention. The state school board approved a resolution on December 14, 2017 that effectively released our district from the nearly 4-year intervention period. Let's celebrate this and work together to make Selma City the best district in the state and beyond.

Thank you for being a part of Team Selma!

Avis Williams
Superintendent
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Selma High School ROTC Program

The Selma High ROTC program has been busy staying abreast of the affairs of their organization by participating in events this Fall.

Besides the many events at Selma High, members of ROTC attended the Civil Rights Memorial in Montgomery, AL, CT Joint Leadership Development Conference, Birmingham, AL, W. A. Gayle Planetarium, Montgomery, AL and the Color Guard performed at Concordia College-Selma Convocation.
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Byrd First Class Early Learning Center

Arabella Sheehan enjoys watching young children reach their highest potential socially, emotionally and mentally. She has taught 38 years.

Mrs. Sheehan partnered with her church, Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, to provide each student at Byrd a bag of food for the holidays.

She says, "To help with the nourishment of their minds." Mrs. Sheehan's motto is "God first, others second, I'm third."

Cedar Park Elementary Teacher of the Year

Kimberly Suttles Martin is Cedar Park Elementary School’s Teacher of the Year. She is a native of Marion, Alabama. She graduated from Concordia College in Selma, Alabama in 2010. Mrs. Martin’s first teaching experience was at Berean Baptist Head Start from 2012-2014 where she served as lead teacher.

In 2014, Mrs. Martin received a teaching job within the public-school system in Selma, Alabama. It was a lifetime opportunity she states. She was a first-grade teacher at Cedar Park Elementary School for three years. Mrs. Martin is currently a third-grade teacher at Cedar Park where she serves as lead teacher. The Selma Times Journal Newspaper named her Teacher of the Week in October 2017.

Clark Elementary Teacher of the Year

Tamera Carter was born and raised in Selma, Alabama. She is blessed and happily married with three beautiful children. She is a graduate of Selma High School, Class of 1997. She attended Wallace Community College Selma for Cosmetology and became a certified cosmetologist in the state of Alabama. She also graduated with a double associate’s degree in Arts and Science (Honors). In 2011 she became a proud graduate of Concordia College and received a Bachelor’s Degree in Education (Magna Cum Laude). In 2015 she graduated from The University of West Alabama, received a Master’s degree in Education, and recently completed her Instructional Leadership Certification.

Clark Elementary Teacher of the Year

Denisha Streeter got her start in the rural town of Ashland, Alabama. After excelling in band, and winning numerous awards in cheerleading, softball, and academics, this student-athlete graduated with honors from Clay County High School in Ashland, AL Spring of 2000.

She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology from Jacksonville State University in 2004. In 2010, she entered the Master of Arts in Elementary Education program. She completed the program, magna cum laude, with a 4.0 GPA in 2012. Now in her fifth year of teaching fifth grade at Clark Elementary School, this wife and mother is still a growing and thriving educator.
TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Edgewood Elementary Teacher of the Year

Tamecia McCullam Smith is a 2nd grade teacher at Edgewood Elementary School located in Selma, Alabama. She is married to Kelvin and they have an eight-year-old son, Kelvin, Jr., who is a student at Edgewood Elementary School. She is a graduate of Concordia College Selma with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education.

In addition to her BS, Smith pursued and obtained both a Masters and Education Specialist degree from the University of West Alabama located in Livingston, Alabama. Smith has been teaching for a total of twelve years in Selma City Schools.

Knox Elementary Teacher of the Year

Roshell Denise Moss was selected for teacher of the year at Knox Elementary School (KES). She earned her bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Alabama State University in 2013. In August of 2015, she began working in the teaching profession. Initially, she was a kindergarten teacher at KES. As time progressed, she transitioned to a first-grade teacher. She finds teaching to be so rewarding. She says the profession provides ample opportunities to make the world a better place. Her prayer is to inspire, teach, and touch lives for many more years to come.

Meadowview Elementary

Catherine Wood graduated from Judson College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. She has taught at Meadowview Elementary for ten years, and she currently serves as a third-grade teacher.

Catherine comes from a long line of educators, and she believes that being an educator is one of the most important professions. She has the privilege of shaping young minds every day, and she believes it is her calling in life. Catherine is married to Thad Wood, and they are the proud parents of a four-year-old daughter, Sara Cate.

Payne Elementary School Teacher of the Year

Dionne Reese is a native of Selma, Alabama. Dionne is a graduate of Selma High School. She attended the UWA, where she earned her degrees in Business Administration, School Counseling, Early Childhood and Elementary Education.

Dionne got a job working with Head Start in 2013 and immediately knew that this is where she needed to be. Dionne then got a new job with Payne Elementary where she has enjoyed how everyone works hard to achieve the same goal. Working with children has given her the drive and understanding to be the best possible teacher she can be now and in the future.

R. B. Hudson FBLA and Gifted students toured the University of Alabama Digital Media Center; Bryant-Denny Stadium; dorms; Ferguson Student Center; and the Nursing and Engineering Colleges.

The School of Discovery held an installation ceremony of its chapter of Future Business Leaders of America.
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R. B. Hudson Middle School Teacher of the Year
Anne Williamson is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. She holds Master of Art and Bachelor of Science degrees from the University of Alabama in secondary education, elementary certification from Judson College and is an Intel Master Teacher. She has 27 years of teaching experience and is currently an instructional technologist at Hudson. Mrs. Williamson teaches Computer Essentials, Computer Programming, and Yearbook. She is also the Technology Coordinator and Future Business Leaders of America sponsor. Her certifications include Business, Management and Administration; Family and Consumer Science; English Language Arts; Secondary Education; and Elementary Education. Mrs. Williamson believes that teaching’s greatest reward is helping students develop life goals and equipping them to achieve those goals.

School of Discovery Teacher of the Year
Dexter Patterson is a Special Education Teacher at the School of Discovery. His career as a teacher has spanned more than 20 years. Mr. Patterson’s passion for learning and educating others is evident in his daily practices. Recently, he was voted Teacher of the Year by his colleagues. His past teaching experiences include grades K-12. Along with teaching, Mr. Patterson coaches basketball and football. He looks for opportunities to support students in extracurricular activities. Mr. Patterson volunteers within the community of Selma and is involved in leadership roles that help improve the quality of life for residents.

Selma High School Teacher of the Year
Sharonoa Moss was voted by her colleagues at Selma High School as Teacher of the Year for the 2017-2018 academic school year. Mrs. Moss has been teaching at Selma High School for 19 ½ years. She graduated from Stillman College with a Bachelor of Science in Biology Pre-Nursing in 1995. She earned her M.Ed in Biology Education from the Alabama State University.

Her educational philosophy is centered on the belief that all students can learn and have the right to quality education that is specific to their needs. She makes it a priority to have a personal connection with each student. She uses humor to engage them and always add a personal touch to her lessons.

Sophia P. Kingston Elementary School Teacher of the Year
Taneshia Jimerson Glover is a graduate of Alabama State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. Mrs. Glover was hired by Selma City Schools in August 2012. She has enjoyed her time with SCS servicing the boys and girls at Sophia P. Kingston Elementary School as a fifth-grade teacher. Mrs. Glover has been recognized for her service on committees, and the academic attainment of her students. Her greatest passion is positively influencing the lives of her students and witnessing their young minds blossom. As Mrs. Glover states, “I am on a journey and I am enjoying all of its endeavors.”

Meadowview Elementary fourth-grade students attended the Native American Festival at Moundville Archaeological Park. The festivities included a tour of an excavated earth area, stone-chipping demonstration, performing arts stage, living history camp, food and more.

Knox Kindergarten – Second graders visited the Penton Farms Pumpkin Patch. Students picked their own pumpkins to take home and share with their families.

Selma High student, Antwan Rumph, has been selected as "Mr. FBLA 2017-2018 and will compete for the state title at the FBLA state conference in Birmingham."