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Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

Welcome to the 2017 – 2018 school year! I am excited to be in the capacity to serve the students of this great school district. **I know you will be pleased that during the past school year, we made great gains within our schools.** Those gains include, but are not limited to the following:

- Successfully realigned our two high schools (GO JDCHS!!!!)
- Made significant growth on state test results.
- As safety is one of our **top priorities**, we installed new steel doors and replaced some windows, installed new security monitors in each principal's office and updated the entire surveillance systems on all campuses.
- Renovated/refurbished restrooms on each campus.
- Enhanced the exterior and interior of our campuses by painting, repairing, and replacing out dated elements.
- Partnered with external consultants to provide additional support to our teachers.
- Received the SSIP (State Systematic Improvement Plan) Grant from MDE to help with literacy instruction for students.
- Hired a Math Coach to support math teachers.
- Hired a full-time parent liaison.
- Continued implementation of the LDC and MDC Modules through a grant provided by SREB (Southern Regional Educational Board)
- K-12 online assessments provided for students using TE21 Testing Platform. The implementation of online testing each term helps to prepare our students for computerized state testing.
- Supported three of our administrators who attended the MS Principal's Academy and two administrators completed the National Institute for School Leaders (NISL) Executive Development Program.
- Increased the number of dual enrollment students and ACT Club members.
- Added at least one additional computer lab at each school.

We are proud of these gains and will continue to work towards other advancements in our district. **You are invited to partner** in the learning experience of our children. Please accept this open invitation to visit our schools and become active volunteers.

As superintendent, I embrace each day with the goals of promoting student growth and moving our district towards a higher accountability rank. Therefore, we will not allow any student to miss their mark by the absence of proficient exposure and leadership. How will we do this? **HIGH EXPECTATIONS!!!** It is essential that each employee of the district share in the goal to have every child exposed to literacy, not just to be able to read, but to read for understanding. We have also implemented handwriting back into our curriculum. It is my honest belief that all students in the Jefferson Davis County School **District** will achieve lifelong learning, reach proficiency in all academic areas, and will contribute to our community in a positive manner.

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