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## Promise Program Provides Free Tuition for Parents of DHS Graduates

The Dallas County Promise program has helped more than 500 high school graduates from Duncanville ISD pay for their college education. In the past two years, those students have taken advantage of the scholarship program which pays the cost of tuition not covered by financial aid.

What many people don't know is the Dallas County Parent Promise offers the same benefits to parents of graduating seniors. Two parents of Duncanville High School graduates have already graduated with their associate degrees and nine more are currently enrolled in the program.

### Pursuing Dream Business

Temica Seaton signed up for the Parent Promise in 2018. When her daughter left to attend the University of Houston to study dance and business administration, Temica enrolled at Cedar Valley College to study business management after working for years as a hairdresser.



Jamiya and Temica Seaton

"Now my daughter and I are both in school. She gets to see me work really hard. I think it is the best thing I could have done for myself was go back to school," Temica said.

Temica plans to transfer from Cedar Valley College to the University of North Texas in the fall. Her dream is to use her business management degree to set up a wellness center that will tend to womens' physical and mental health by offering counselors, spiritual guidance, nutrition education, massages and facials.

Read more stories about parents benefitting from the Parent Promise program, [here](#).

For more information about Parent Promise and registration requirements and deadlines, click [here](#).

## Join Superintendent, Board President for Virtual Town Hall



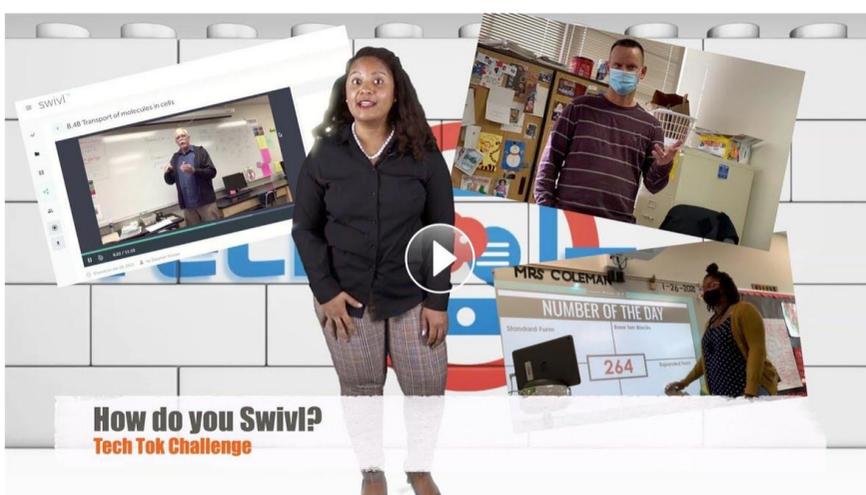
Duncanville family, you're invited to join us for a Virtual Town Hall meeting Thursday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. with Superintendent Dr. Marc Smith and Board President Cassandra Phillips.

We'll provide an update and answer questions. But you don't have to wait. Share your thoughts now using the ThoughtExchange platform.

Click [here](#) to submit questions, thoughts and feedback.

See you Thursday!

## Tech Tok: Teachers Share How to Swivl



Tech Tok is back! In this episode we highlight Jasmine Coleman, Todd Ferris and Stephen Youree for sharing how they use Swivls on their campus.

Watch their testimonies and see what's happening in instructional technology. Check out the next episode of Tech Tok above or on [YouTube](#).

## Parent University Sessions Connect School Lessons to Real Life

This month the Family and Community Engagement Department is hosting Parent University sessions to help parents connect lessons learned in the classroom to life at home.

There will be two sessions. On February, 16, at 6:00 p.m., log in to learn how students can connect math and science concepts to the real world.

On February 23, at 6:00 p.m., learn how to apply reading and social studies lessons to real life.

For more information and to join Parent University sessions, click [here](#).



## Upcoming Events:

**District Professional Development**, Monday, Feb. 15, no classes

**Duncanville ISD Board of Trustees Meeting**, on Monday, Feb. 22, begins at 6:30 p.m. and goes into executive session at the Duncanville ISD Education Plaza, 710 S. Cedar Ridge Rd., Duncanville. The public portion of the meeting resumes around 7:00 p.m.



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