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Dear Tiger Family,

I am pleased to welcome you back to the 2021-2022 school year! I want to extend a special welcome to all of the new families joining Hattiesburg Public Schools this year and welcome back all of our returning families as well. I am honored to serve as your district superintendent.

Our goal at Hattiesburg Public Schools is to work together to "educate all students to become productive citizens of a dynamic, global community." Our vision is "to create a model teaching and learning environment that graduates every student prepared for success in life, college, and the workforce." At Hattiesburg Public Schools, we believe students are the central focus of all district activities and can achieve high levels of success. In a collaborative effort, we want children to thrive in all ways possible. My hope is that all children will love school and nurture a learning environment that is positive, warm, and caring, as well as a fun place to learn and grow.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Williams
Superintendent, Hattiesburg Public Schools



Shonna Brown

Alumni Spotlight

Shonna Brown was announced as the Pac-12 Associate Commissioner for Football Operations in July 2021. In her role, Brown will manage all operations and strategic initiatives for Pac-12 football including game operations, post-season bowls, officiating scheduling, and external matters. Brown serves as an integral part of the football leadership team and brings a wealth of experience to the staff. Brown's charge is to identify and recommend changes that will optimize the football program for College Football Playoff invitations and winning championships.

Brown is a graduate of Hattiesburg High School class of 1996. She graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a B.S. in Sports Administration in 2001. She also earned a Master's in Sports Administration at St. Thomas University (FL) in 2002. Brown is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

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Hattiesburg native Missy Warren McGee is a 1982 graduate of Hattiesburg High School. McGee is a Mississippi House Representative, serving the 102nd district, comprised of Forrest and Lamar county. Representative McGee is also a graduate from The University of Southern Mississippi with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. She then obtained her master's degree in Speech Communication at USM.

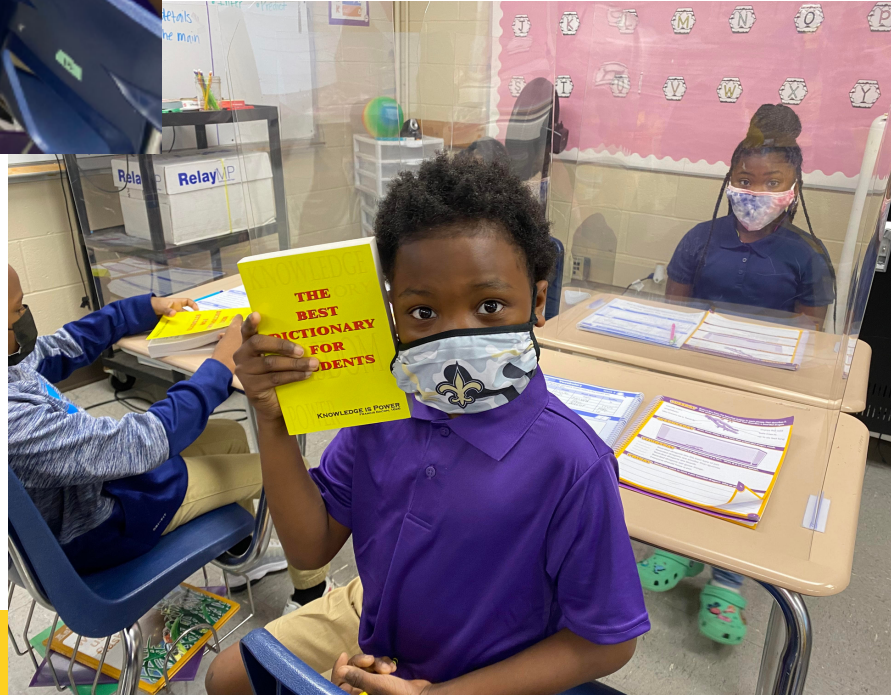


Representative Missy McGee

Student Spotlight

Hundreds of third-grade students in Hattiesburg received dictionaries from the Rotary-Sunrise Club in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Pictured: Third Grade Student Terriyah Coleman

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Teacher Spotlight

Hattiesburg High School Science Teacher Mimi Wilson is this school year's very first Golden Apple Award winner! Wilson's efforts have led to partnerships with William Carey University and Forrest General Hospital and resulted in students pursuing careers in the medical field. [CLICK HERE TO READ MORE!](#)



COVID-19 Information

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Hattiesburg Public Schools make weekly reports of cases among students, teachers and staff, number of outbreaks, and teachers and students under quarantine of COVID-19 exposure to the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH). The numbers included in the report are from BOTH on-campus and off-campus incidents. If you do not see a school in the MSDH report, it is because MSDH only lists schools with reported cases.



Wear a mask.
Wear a face cover.
Wash your hands.
Keep a safe distance.
Save lives.

Did you Know Facts and Tidbits about HPS?

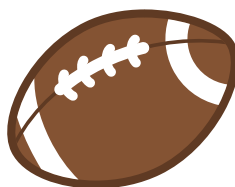
- The number of students performing on grade level in Reading has increased every year since 2016, moving from 21.2% to 33.4%.
- The number of students performing on grade level in math has increased every year since 2016, moving from 21.6% to 37.8%.
- The graduation rate has increased from 72.9% (2016) to 83.1% (2020)
- Decreased dropout rate from 16.2% (2016) to 12.5% (2020)
- Dual enrollment acceleration has increased from 23 (2016) to 54.5 (2019)
- Kindergarten readiness increased from 27% (2016) to 44% (2019)
- District Accountability Rating increased from 482 to 534

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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HATTIESBURG TIGERS VS MERIDIAN WILDCATS

Football - Varsity

Fri, Sep 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM

HATTIESBURG TIGERS VS PICAYUNE MEMORIAL MAROON TIDES

Volleyball - JV, Varsity

Thu, Sep 23, 2021 at 5:00 PM

HATTIESBURG TIGERS VS NATCHEZ BULLDOGS

Football - Varsity Homecoming

Fri, Sep 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM

HATTIESBURG TIGERS VS NATCHEZ BULLDOGS

Volleyball - JV, Varsity

Mon, Sep 27, 2021 at 5:00 PM