

#### **DEFINING THE DALTON DIFFERENCE**

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Dalton Public Schools will create a cadre of invested and engaged ambassadors who are passionate about our students and staff and want to gain a deeper understanding of the dayto-day operations of the school district to become knowledgeable advocates







Purpose

The purpose of the Dalton Ambassador Program is to provide members of the community an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the day-to-day operations of the school district. Individuals who complete the program become Dalton Ambassadors in the community, which leads to better communication and understanding of the Dalton Public Schools. The program will create a sense of pride and knowledge among program graduates, enabling them to act as informed advocates for our schools.

Participation

Any adult that lives or works within Dalton or Whitfield County, has students in the school district or is an employee of the district.

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All sessions will start at 5:15 pm with a meal and tour of the facility and time with students. The actual session will last two hours, from 6 to 8 pm, one evening a month from August to November.

Participants who successfully complete the program will be honored as graduates at the December Dalton Board of Education meeting. There is no fee to participate in the program but attendance is required at all sessions.



Schedule

## Session 1 Tuesday, August 22

District Leadership and Communications

- 5:15 pm Meal and School tour
- 6 pm Welcome and Introductions
- 6:15 6:45 pm Dalton Board of Education with Board Chair Matt Evans
- 6:45-7:00 pm Break
- 7:00 7:30 pm District Overview with Superintendent Tim Scott
- 7:30 8:00 pm Communications and Advocacy with Director of Communications Emily Rojas

Homework Assignment - attend a board or school council meeting

## Session 2:

#### Tuesday, September 26

Finance, Operations, and Technology

- 5:15 pm Meal and School tour
- 6 pm 7:30 pm District Finance with Chief Financial Officer Theresa Perry
- 6:45 7 pm Break
- 7:30 pm Maintenance and Operations with Director of Operations Rusty Lount
- 7:45 pm Technology with Director of Technology Stuart Davis

## Homework Assignment - have lunch with a principal

#### Session 3: Tuesday, October 24

Teaching and Learning/Data Analysis/Special Education

- 5:15 pm Meal and School tour
- 6 pm Teaching and Learning with Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Brandi Moore, Executive Director of Elementary Operations Leslie Dixon and Executive Director of Secondary Operations Nick Sun
- 6:45-7:00 pm Break
- 7:00-7:30 pm Data Analysis and School Improvement with Deputy Superintendent Wiley Dailey and Coordinator of School Improvement & Data Analysis Robyn Scott
- 7:30 8 pm Exceptional Student Services, Special Education Director Pam Wiles

## Homework Assignment – volunteer at a school or an event

## Session 4:

#### Tuesday, November 14

Human Resources, School Social Workers, and Student Services

- 5:15 pm Meal and School tour
- 6 6:15 pm Social Work with Lead Social Worker Jackie Taylor
- 6:15-6:45 Student Services and Activities with Chief of Student Services and Activities Steven Craft
- 6:45-7 Break
- 7 7:15 Nutrition with Director of School Nutrition Wimberly Brackett
- 7:15 7:30 School Safety & Transportation with Director of Safety and Transportation Jeff Wells
- 7:15 7:45 Human Resources with Chief of Human Resources Mendy Woods

# Homework Assignment - attend an extracurricular event or performance

#### Graduation – Dalton Board of Education Meeting Monday, December 11

Reception and Recognition