

ANNUAL REPORT

Calcasieu Parish School Board





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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS



**PHYLLIS
AYO**

Election District 11



**SHAWN
BAUMGARTEN**

Election District 15



**BILLY
BREAUX**

Election District 13



**RUSSELL
CASTILLE**

Election District 12



**MARY "SISTER"
FONTENOT**

Election District 4



**GLEND
GAY**

Election District 3



**DAMON
HARDESTY**

Election District 9



**KAREN HARDY
McREYNOLDS**

Election District 2



**AARON
NATALI**

Election District 1



**TONY
O'BANION**

Election District 10



**PATRICK
PICHON**

Election District 5



**DEAN
ROBERTS**

Election District 6



**ERIC
TARVER**

Election District 8



**DESMOND
WALLACE**

Election District 14



**DR. BETTY
WASHINGTON**

Election District 7

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

To our families, faculty, staff, and stakeholders,

As we reflect on the past year, we are incredibly proud to showcase the achievements and progress from across the district in the Annual Report of 2023-2024. We have seen significant milestones, steadfast commitment, and transformative growth across schools and departments within the Calcasieu Parish School Board.

Despite the challenges and trials faced, the resilience and dedication of the CPSB family has been nothing short of exemplary. We are grateful for our students, faculty, and staff who, despite the situations before them, continued to show up daily with a spirit of perseverance and determination.

Our people are the heart of our organization. We will continue to support and grow our faculty and staff, who will then continue to support and grow our students. The talent of our people is our greatest asset, and their growth is directly linked to our success.

As we look to the future, we remain confident and optimistic. The coming year presents new opportunities for us to innovate, grow, and excel. We will continue to focus on our strategic priorities, invest in our capabilities, and pursue excellence in everything we do. It's all about people, all the time, and we plan to showcase that in all we do.

In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude to all our stakeholders for your unwavering support, to our employees for your dedication and commitment, and to our families for your trust in our district. Together, we are building strong foundations for the future, and I am excited about what we will achieve in the coming year.

Thank you for being a part of our journey.



A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Vanmetre".

DR. JASON VANMETRE
CPSB SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



OUR MISSION

Building Foundations for the Future

OUR VISION

Alignment | Ownership | Streaming | Technology | Work Ethic |
Innovation | Critical Thinking | Creativity

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS



Prioritize student learning, development and achievement



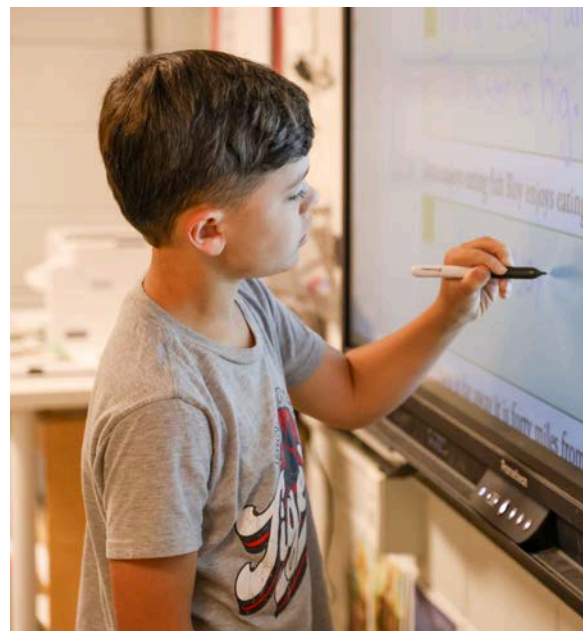
Strengthen teacher experience and pipelines



Enhance existing and new resources



Boost collaboration and engagement



DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS

The Calcasieu Parish School Board was recognized as one of the top ten districts in score growth for the 2022-2023 school year. The district showed growth of three points over the previous year. CPSB elementary and middle schools grew overall in ELA, math, science, and social studies, while also outperforming the state in all four categories.

The Calcasieu Parish School Board announced the addition of a Graduate Record Examinations (GRE®) and PRAXIS® testing site in the district. The site, located in CPSB's Curriculum and Instruction Building at 600 S. Shattuck St. in Lake Charles, is now an approved ETS Certified Test Administrator Services.

The Calcasieu Parish School Board experienced another year of district growth and significant improvement in schools across the district. The district's overall score improved to an 86.1 (B), up 3.3 points from last year's results and nearly ten points above the state's performance. Out of all CPSB schools, 45 of those grew over performance from the 21-22 school year, and 48 of those schools are now labeled an A, B, or C campus.

Following the release of Advanced Placement results from the Louisiana Department of Education, the Calcasieu Parish School Board proudly announced increases across the board in results for local students completing tests in the 2022-2023 school year. Nearly 900 Calcasieu Parish high school students, representing all 11 CPSB high schools, took a total of 1,274 AP exams last year. Of those students, 57% scored a three or higher, earning credit towards their collegiate educational journey. CPSB students scoring a five, the highest possible score, increased by 42%.

The Calcasieu Parish School Board experienced an enrollment increase for the 2023-2024 school year, marking the second consecutive year the number of K-12 students in the district is on the rise. Following the natural disasters of the 2020-2021 school year, seeing students return to the district is a promising sign for Southwest Louisiana.

A Virtual Learning Summit took place at the Lake Charles Boston Academy. Special guests from school districts across visited the Calcasieu Parish School Board's Virtual Instruction Program. The event, "The Future of Learning Summit," was created by the Louisiana Department of Education to showcase the Virtual Instruction Program as an excellent model of virtual learning.

We began full implementation of weapons detectors at high school campuses as part of the district's ongoing commitment to student and staff safety. Students and visitors are required to pass through these weapons detectors upon entry to each school site. This move was just one additional security measure that went into place for increased campus security.

The Calcasieu Parish School Board received a \$500,000 school security improvement grant from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. These grant funds were used to purchase additional weapons detectors and radios to facilitate communication between campuses and law enforcement.



DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE YEAR WINNERS

STUDENTS



Macee Shields
LeBleu Settlement



Olivia Alexander
S.J. Welsh



Jylian McFarlain
Sulphur



Aunjel Thompson
Brentwood



S. Hayes
F.K. White



Dr. Suresh Chiruguru
LaGrange

TEACHERS

PRINCIPALS



Melanie Brady
LeBleu Settlement



Dr. Shonna Anderson
Molo



Justin Mahoney
College Street Vocational Center

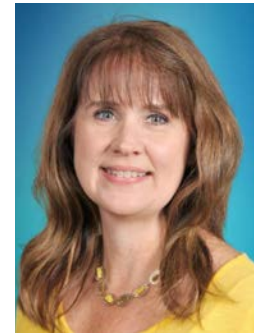
LIBRARIANS



Kyandria Scott
T.H. Watkins



Hope Myers
Maplewood



Susan Gardebled
Sulphur

COUNSELORS



Emily Williams
Brentwood



Christy Valentine
Maplewood



Terri Shaw
College Street Vocational Center

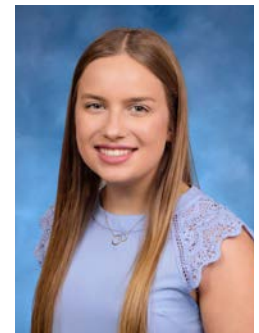
NEW TEACHERS



Skyler Johnson
College Oaks



Madison Pitre
F.K. White



Tiffany Pfiefer
Washington Marion

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

As we reflect on the past year, we are proud to share the significant accomplishments and strides made across our various departments. This year's achievements highlight our unwavering commitment to fostering an inclusive, innovative, and supportive educational environment. Each department has worked diligently to advance our mission with the tools and opportunities necessary for academic success and personal growth.

In this section, we will spotlight key initiatives, innovative programs, and notable progress made in areas critical to our district's success. We invite you to explore the highlights and celebrate the dedication and hard work that have driven our district forward.

ADVANCED STUDIES

AP COURSE OFFERINGS

AP and gifted AP courses were expanded at the following high schools across the district:

Barbe: AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP Precalculus

Iowa: AP Precalculus, AP Physics, AP World History Modern, and AP Literature and Composition

LaGrange: AP Environmental Science and AP Psychology

Sam Houston: AP Precalculus and AP Environmental Science

Starks: AP Spanish Language

Sulphur: AP Chemistry and AP Precalculus

Washington Marion: AP Psychology, AP U.S. History, and AP Computer Science Principles

Westlake: AP Physics and AP Precalculus

ADVANCED STUDIES HONORS NIGHT

The first Advanced Studies Honors Night event recognized AP Scholars and gifted high school seniors across the district. Students, parents, AP teachers, and high school administrators were invited to an evening banquet to celebrate their success.

Students received awards for AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, and AP Scholar with Distinction. Gifted seniors who actively participated in gifted coursework throughout high school received Gifted graduation chords to signify their dedication and accomplishment. AP Capstone Diploma Candidates also received honor chords.

GIFTED AND TALENTED ART

912 students screened for Gifted

143 students screened for Talented Art

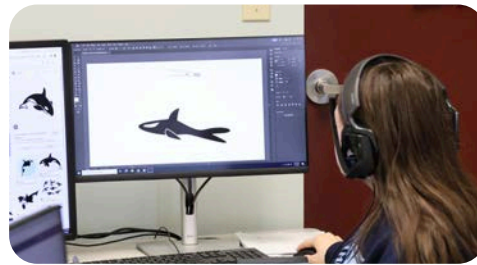




CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

SOWELA STEPS PROGRAM

440 college credit hours
a 6% increase from last school year



MCNEESE DUAL ENROLLMENT & COLLEGE PREP PROGRAM

5,597 college credit hours
a 14% increase from last school year

SUMMER CAREER ACADEMY

This year, we had 68 students who earned a total of 81 credentials, 83 seniors seniors who participated in the Career and Technical Education College Signing Day, and 3,950 industry-based credentials have been earned

This initiative provides high school students with work experience, certification opportunities, and a chance to earn a wage. By offering a range of courses with multiple certification options, it gives students the flexibility to choose areas that align with their career goals. The Advanced State Credentials create an extra layer of recognition and credibility to the program.

These students earned industry-based certifications and were accepted to universities, community/technical colleges, post-secondary training programs, or they gained employment in their area of certifications.

Benefits of this program include:

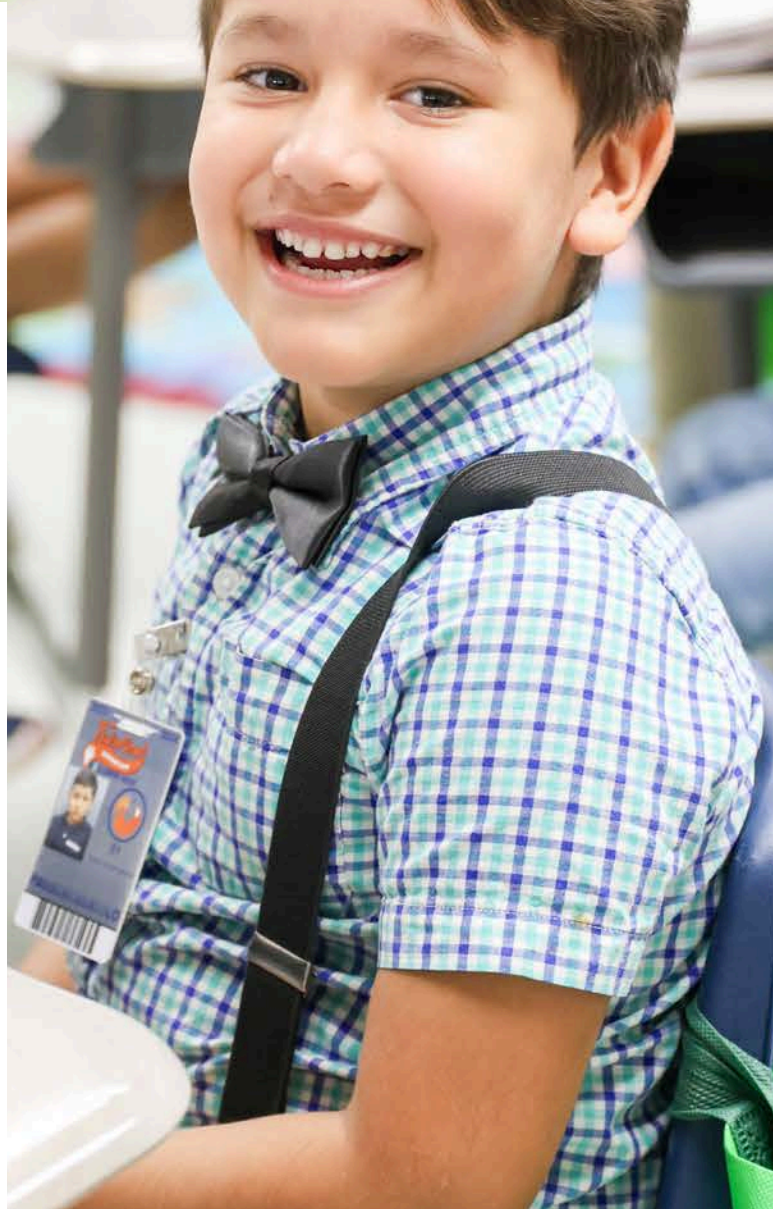
- Hands-on work experience and skill development
- Certification opportunities that can be added to college applications or resumes
- Increased confidence and employability upon graduation
- A more comprehensive understanding of the workforce and industry standards

CHILD WELFARE & ATTENDANCE



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- The percentage of students present rose one point to **93%** for the second consecutive school year.
- **87%** of at-risk students did not become chronically absent following interventions.
- **6,798** students improved their attendance rate after receiving intervention.
- In collaboration with EveryDay Labs, **15,046** CPSB families received personalized attendance nudges, **23,016** mail nudges, and **42,491** text nudges.
- Staff members were asked to provide Hearing Officer Training for current and prospective Hearing Officers at the 112th Annual IATDP Conference. This organization is made up of members from throughout the United States and several foreign countries.
- Staff has presented information on the Expulsion Diversion Opportunity Program (EDOP) at multiple state and national level conferences.



EARLY CHILDHOOD



Monthly “Nap and Knowledge” sessions were conducted with teachers and co-teachers.

This job-embedded professional development included topics such as technology for little ones and Canva.

Waterford Family Academy was conducted with families in the spring. Parents learned about student’s educational objectives and how to continue the learning experiences at home. Families were provided with lessons, materials, and manipulatives.

The Louisiana Department of Education’s Division of Statewide Monitoring conducted a desk review during January of the LA 4 Program operated by the Calcasieu Parish School Board. The results of the monitoring revealed that there were no findings that need resolution.

The Calcasieu Parish Community Network 2023 rated overall performance as proficient.

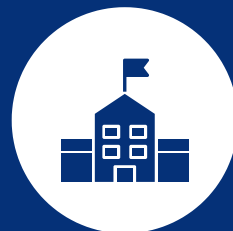
The Calcasieu Parish Community Network completed over 750 CLASS observations in the district, which includes infants, toddlers and Pre-K.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The Elementary Department has hosted over 40 diverse summer professional development sessions to support teachers in growing their professional practice. Over 340 teachers voluntarily attended Professional Development events in June.

- Classroom instruction focused on students using success criteria to take ownership of their own learning.
- Teacher Collaboration Meetings were intentionally focused on using student work to improve student learning.
- As measured by DIBELS 8th, beginning of year to end of year, kindergarten teachers increased students on grade level from 29% to 54%. First grade teachers increased the students on grade level from 54% to 63%.



FEDERAL PROGRAMS

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT
2023-2024 SCHOOL/SITES SERVED

34

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

6

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

4

HIGH SCHOOLS

BY THE NUMBERS

- Purchased **all Title I schools** 2nd grade laptops, cases, and headphones
- Supported **900+** English Language Learner students
- 140+** AP tests administered
- 900+** McKinney-Vento students supported
- 60+** Para Pro test administered

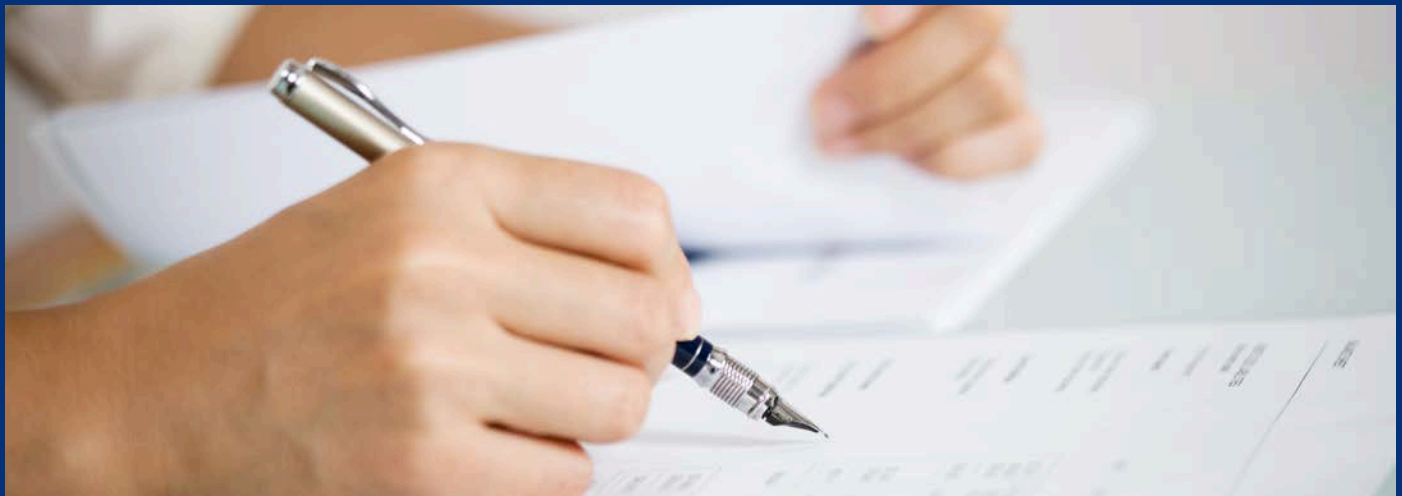
PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED

Title I, II, III, IV, VII, Foster Care, SAPE, Neglected and Delinquent



NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The National Association of Federal Education Program Administrators recognized outstanding dedication and commitment to serving federal educational programs, and mostly our children. Melonie Wallace from the Federal Programs team was recognized at the NAFEP 2024 National Conference that took place in Washington, D.C. on March 18 - 20.



GRANTS

ACHIEVE ESSER 3

FORMULA, EVIDENCE BASED, & INCENTIVE

\$24,788,907

For evidenced based interventions, professional learning for teachers, curriculum, HVAC systems, buses with air conditioning, 1:1 technology for students, updated lunchroom equipment, band instruments, educator compensation

REIMAGINE GRANT

\$385,243

For Fairview Elementary World Language Academy

SECURITY GRANTS

\$518,355

Stronger Connections: fencing, high school weapons detectors, security film at elementary schools, mantrap at Westlake High

\$666,667

COPS (School Violence Prevention Program): 32 Weapons detectors for High/Middle schools and 35 security radios for elementary schools

OTHER GRANTS

\$596,130

Education Excellence Fund: professional learning, Principal Fellowship tuition, literacy supplies & technology

\$1,195,000

CLSD K-8th Grade literacy grant: CIR schools to build capacity of literacy coaches, improve teacher practice, and increase literacy outcomes for children

\$283,230

HC Drew Estate: 41 High School, Middle School & Elementary School grants awarded

\$1,383,149

Redesign 1003A: Evidenced based strategies for CIR Schools

\$1,260,000

REAL tutoring: literacy tutoring for elementary students

\$8,450

LyondellBasell: Starks High sidewalk and play pad

\$20,000

Junior League of Lake Charles: Branch Out & Grow Awards and TEACH grant



HIGH SCHOOL

1,821

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

3,128

COLLEGE COURSES COMPLETED

9,300+

COLLEGE CREDITS EARNED

LOUISIANA TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



The High School Department is proudly represented by the Louisiana New Teacher of the Year, **Tiffany Pfeifer** from Washington Marion High School and by the Louisiana High School Teacher of the Year, **Dr. Suresh Chiruguru** from LaGrange High School.

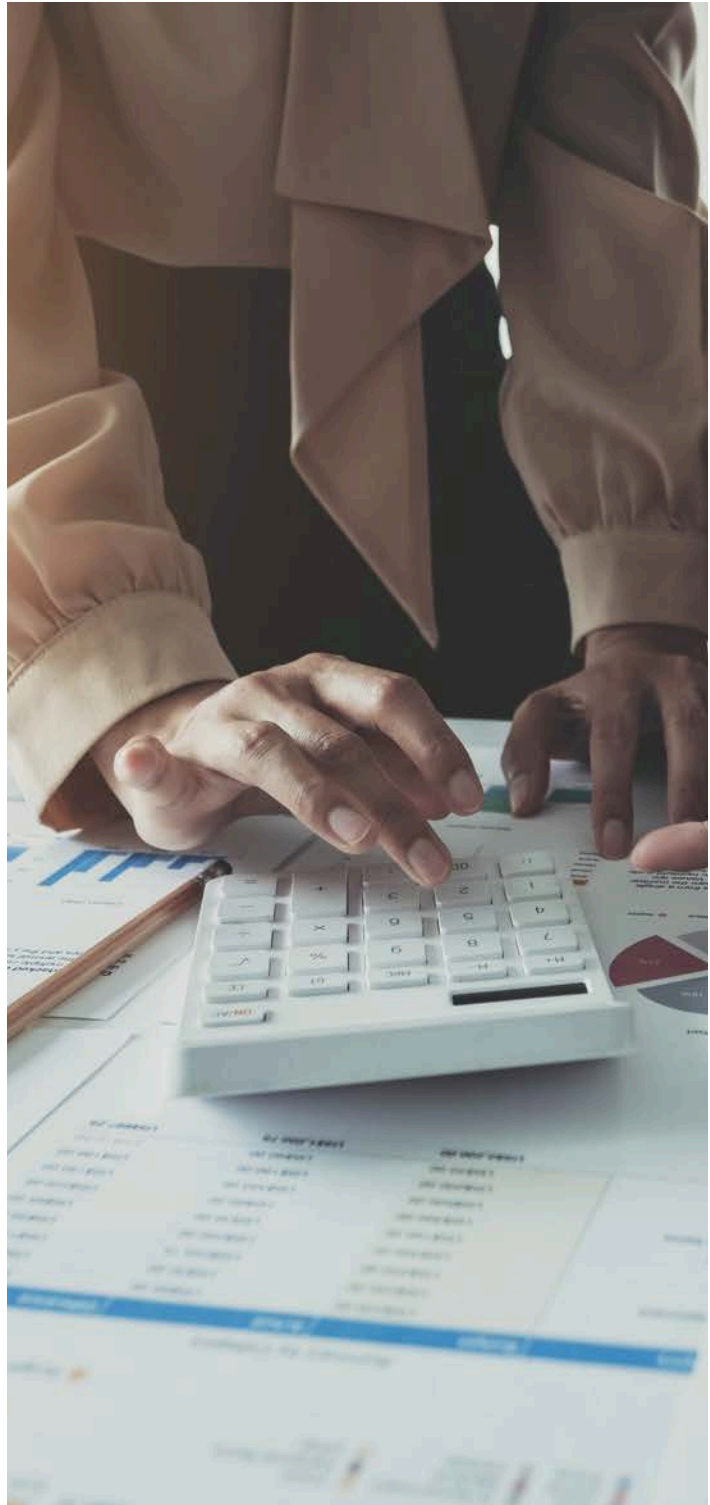
INTERNAL AUDITING

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Transitioned school accounting to a new, improved system
- Implemented Online Teacher Receipting, which removes paper receipts and reduces errors
- Facilitated partnership with Amazon Business to allow for a centralized purchasing function that will enable the district to receive rebates and free shipping.
 - Results in an automated purchase order approval process, real-time reporting, and an interface with eFin
- Piloted and expanded the GoFan ticket process to reduce school's exposure with regards to admissions and program sales.



- Working with Absence Management vendor to expand to Time Management, which will correct deficiencies in the supplemental pay process and increase timesheet accountability
- Through the audit process, enforced the existing law to protect District employees from entering transactions using public resources for private gain.
 - Obtained an Advisory Opinion from the Board of Ethics, which resulted in new legislation changing the law to provide exceptions for coaches and tutors
- Implemented the Arbiter system, which removed the Internal Auditing department's 1099 responsibility for officials compensation
- Implemented coding into the school accounting system to comply with GASB requirements



LIBRARY SERVICES



810,000+

LIBRARY BOOKS CIRCULATED

2,236,669

DIGITAL MEDIA SESSIONS

These sessions were accessed for items such as information resources, lesson guidance, and video viewing. The resources assist teachers and students in research and supplementing curriculum.



20,000+

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS PURCHASED

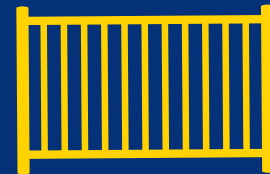
MAINTENANCE



17,315
WORK ORDERS COMPLETED



New A/C systems have been added



Fencing has been added to schools for security measures



All gym floors recoated for the new school year



Middle and Elementary Schools now have the Maintenance Department mowing the grass

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

7,586

economic surveys processed, qualifying over 1,390 students, making the district eligible for **over \$1,700,000** in additional MFP funding

Coordinated data for the Mid-City Grant project of Lake Charles, helping to obtain a **\$50 million grant** for the City of Lake Charles to rebuild in the Lloyd Oaks and Barbe Elementary area of the city

32,668

STUDENT RECORDS MAINTAINED

5,015

STAFF RECORDS MAINTAINED

72

NEW ID MACHINES
INSTALLED



MEDIA CENTER/PRINT SHOP

Online request submissions **increased by 36%**

A **65% increase** in printing was submitted, completed, and delivered

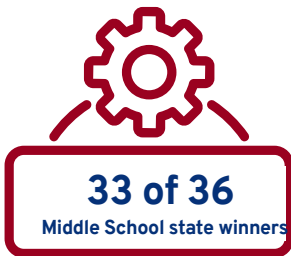
21,000

McNeese lanyard game passes for students K-6 and all employees were printed and individually finished by staff in three days





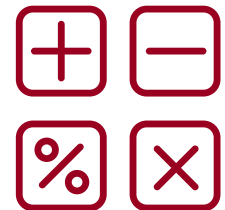
MIDDLE SCHOOL



Of the 36 State Robotics Winners, 33 were from Calcasieu Parish Middle Schools.



Dr. Shonna Anderson was named as a finalist for State Principal of the Year, marking the second consecutive year with a finalist from the district.



Calcasieu Parish middle schools continue to show an increase in student proficiency in Math.



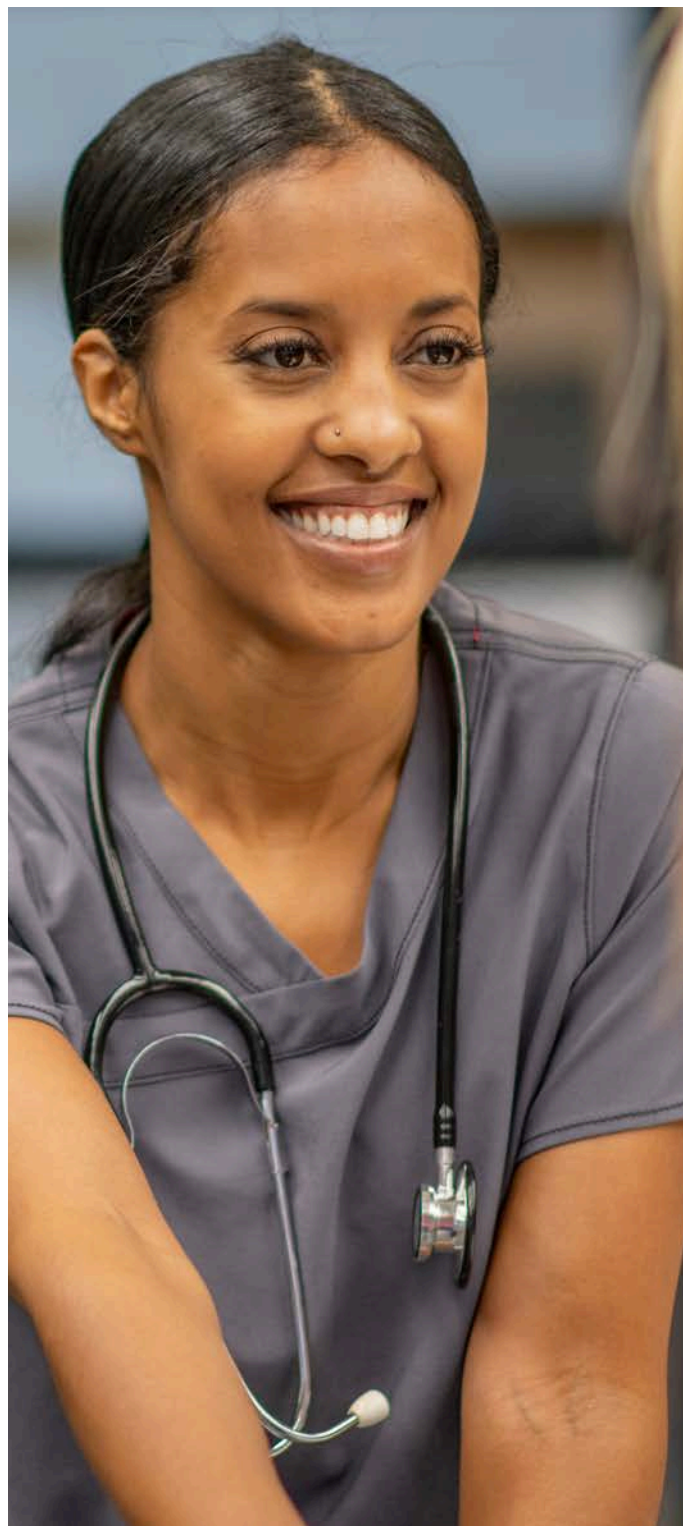
NURSING

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- 10,600 Hearing Screenings completed
- 10,700 Vision screenings completed
- 5,000 Scoliosis Screenings completed
- 21,000 Nurse assessments completed (this includes providing first aid to students)
- 9,000 encounters occurred for diabetic management and care of students with other chronic conditions
- 12,700 encounters occurred for daily medication administration



In addition to these services, our nurses also provided education on basic hygiene, dental hygiene, lice, and breast self-exams.



PAYROLL



4,500+

EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLL PER MONTH

\$17 MILLION

MONTHLY PAYROLL AMOUNT

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Our dedicated staff is committed to providing excellent customer service to all of our employees. A few of our duties include:

- Processing an average of 50 annual payrolls between Workers' Comp, Special payrolls, Substitute, and Monthly payrolls
- Collecting and reporting all employee deductions
- Oversight of all employee absences at the school and district level

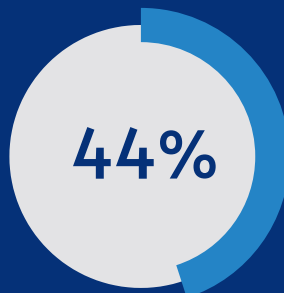
PERSONNEL



Job Fair hosted at LaGrange High School and Sulphur High 9th grade campus - Summer 2024



new hires to start the 2023-2024 school year



increase for employees actively enrolled in an alternate certification program compared to last year



PUBLIC INFORMATION

SOCIAL MEDIA GROWTH



18%

GROWTH IN FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS



6%

GROWTH IN INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS



8%

GROWTH IN LINKEDIN FOLLOWERS

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Public Information Department received four 2024 Publications and Digital Media Excellence Awards from the National School Public Relations Association. This award recognizes outstanding education publications, e-newsletters, digital media programs, radio/TV/video programs, social media, infographics, blogs, and websites.

An award of excellence was received for a video about National Custodian Day, while awards of merit were received for videos about Music in our Schools Month, Teachers of the Year, and National Literacy Month.



REACH + MEDIA

1.6+ MILLION

FACEBOOK PROFILE VISITS

250+

INTERACTIONS WITH JOURNALISTS

630+

MENTIONS BY NEWS AGENCIES

PUPIL APPRAISAL



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

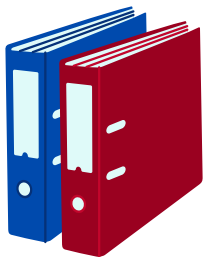
The Pupil Appraisal Department provided:

- Over **1,000 initial** evaluations for students suspected of having a disabling condition
- Over **350 evaluations** of students suspected of qualifying for the gifted program
- Reevaluations on **1,400 students** with disabilities
- Counseling services to roughly **150 students** through their IEP services
- Social work services to students enrolled in our alternative programs (elementary)
- For 504 evaluations, annual meetings, and screenings for **over 1,000 students**
- Coordinated and provided **280 trainings** for Nonviolent Crisis Intervention

RISK MANAGEMENT

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

As part of the ongoing process of preparing for emergencies, our team is currently updating the Emergency Operations Plan for each school. In each school's plan binder, an updated aerial picture of the school with all buildings labeled is included. In addition, our team is visiting each campus to take pictures of critical infrastructure items, such as water, gas, and electrical shut-offs, to be updated.



The Technology Department and Risk Management Department partnered to undergo a National Institute of Standards and Technology cyber security audit, facilitated by our property insurance broker, Auther J. Gallagher. CPSB scored very well due to our Technology Department's diligence and protocols already in place. Because of some minor changes CPSB made for undertaking the audit, CPSB received a 15% rate reduction on our Cyber Security insurance premium.

With changes that were made and the work that was done by all involved, we were able to save the district a total of \$1,281,538 for this coming fiscal year.



SCHOOL NUTRITION



1.47 MILLION

BREAKFASTS SERVED

2.83 MILLION

LUNCHES SERVED

135,000

AFTER-SCHOOL SNACKS



20+

SCHOOL GARDENS STARTED



More locally grown produce and beef added to the school menus

SPECIAL PROJECTS

LITERACY NIGHTS



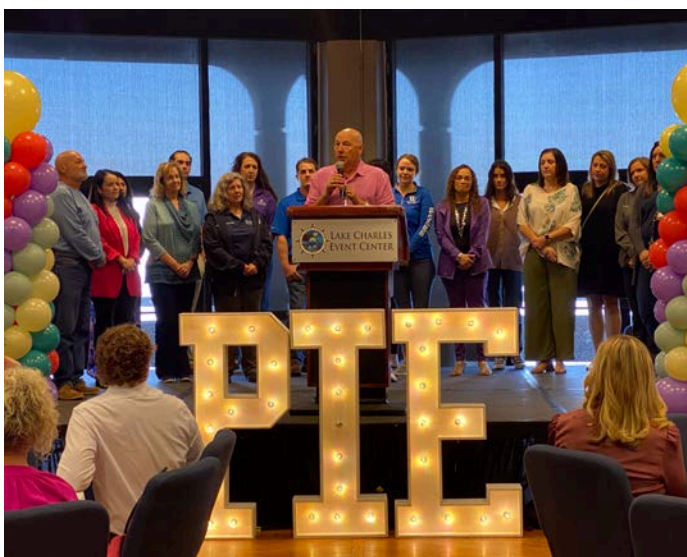
223 FAMILIES

(equaling 739 attendees served)

T. H. Watkins celebrating Literacy Night



The National Award for Literacy & Family Engagement: The CPSB District Literacy Team, along with the CPSB Federal Programs Department, received the NNPS Partnerships District Award from the National Network of Partnership Schools of Johns Hopkins University for its "Mission to Literacy" Project. The project was recognized and awarded for its innovative approach to engaging families, promoting literacy, and encouraging a love for reading by uniting district leaders, high school student organizations, and the community.



Partners in Education annual breakfast

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

244 

current school-level partnerships

75% 

increase of partnerships from the previous school year

SPECIAL SERVICES



SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The establishment of the Special Education Teacher Development Center, located inside the assessment center, signifies a dedicated platform aimed at providing educators with supplemental training and guidance to effectively address prevalent obstacles.

This Teacher Support Initiative integrates collaborative peer assistance, tailored training modules, educational best practices, and classroom management techniques to establish a robust framework for teacher efficacy. Special Education instructors and paraprofessionals will benefit from comprehensive instruction delivered by subject matter specialists, designated program and behavior facilitators, and on-site support coaches, ensuring ongoing assistance with queries and apprehensions throughout the academic year.

THE DINO PRESS

The initiative, located inside the assessment center, was created to provide job-embedded lessons and employment opportunities for students who fall under the umbrella of special services and alternative programs.

This state-of-the-art facility doubles as a classroom, storefront, and gateway to life opportunities for students with disabilities and limitations. Students actively apply for positions and are paid monthly by CPSB, which receives reimbursement from Medicaid. Students play an active role in the day-to-day operations of the Dino Press, and we are planning to expand in terms of space and the number of participants.



CPSB PARA-UNIVERSITY

During the 2023-2024 School Year, a gem was born with the creation of Para-University. CPSB Paras play an active and essential role in their work. We aim to support children and youth by providing encouragement, assistance, and support. Paraprofessionals have specialized training to meet student needs and truly understand those needs.

To better support our paraprofessionals, we have created a cohort-style training program to meet them where they are, instead of where they are not. This initiative has resulted in many paraprofessionals finding new excitement for their role and enrolling in university-level programs with the goal of becoming special education teachers in our district. We believe that one solution to our critical shortage of teachers is to develop our own talent from within.



STARLAB, BROUGHT IN BY THE REGION 5 STEM CENTER

S.T.E.M. CENTER

FIELD TRIPS



56 field trips serving 5,020 students

These field trips included Starlab, Stomp-Rockets, Spheros, Coding, NASA Kit experiments, Energy Kit experiments, Voyage Solar System, E-Sports, and Drones.

S.T.E.M. CAMPS

528 students registered for S.T.E.M. summer camps



These summer camps included Future Engineers, VEX Robotics, SeaPerch underwater robotics, AI Energy, NASA Astro camp, and Careers in S.T.E.M.

ROBOTICS

The Region 5 robotics teams earned **14 awards**. These awards are spread across three divisions at Vex State Championships. The district's 18 teams competed at the Vex World Championship.

The Region 5 S.T.E.M. Center helped support nearly

100 robotics teams



TEACHER LEADER SUPPORT



56,648 mentoring hours were provided, which supported new hires, alt-cert teachers and undergrad residents

Established Mentor Leaders on each campus (position added this year)

Expanded number of mentors from 218 to **265**

Offered increased hours of Professional Development for mentors and new teachers

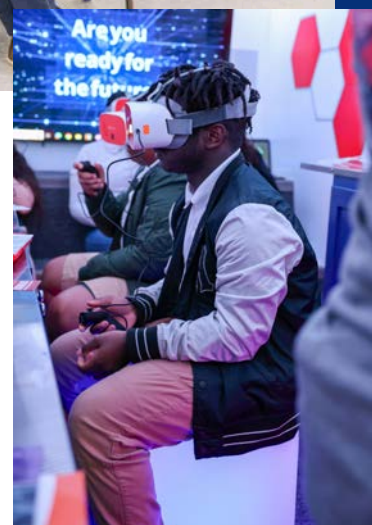
8,286 Bullseye SnapThrough sessions conducted

TECHNOLOGY



TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

The CPSB Technology Department Makerspace Mobile Bus rolled out in May. The bus is a forty-three foot one-of-a-kind classroom on wheels. CPSB Technology Staff will coordinate with campus staff to develop activities which will include coding, 3D printing, VR experiences and more. The Makerspace Mobile bus will be instrumental in bridging the gap by providing the opportunity for all students to experience activities that focus on design thinking, problem solving, creativity, communication, and collaboration. The engineering process will guide the bus activities and projects. Activities will also expose students to necessary skills and career pathways to enable them to be marketable to industry in the Calcasieu Parish work force. The bus will also be used to educate and promote awareness of STEAM/Makerspace activities throughout the community to provide a connection to job opportunities within our area.



The CPSB Technology Training has been holding monthly 3D Printing Design Challenges. Technology Facilitators worked with school 3D printing teams to create videos to submit to the PrintLab Make: able Challenge, which is a global 3D printing and assistive technology design challenge by PrintLab, Autodesk and partners.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

This year the Tech Support team:

- Resolved **24,300** help tickets
- Repaired **1,452** devices
- Resolved **26,890** issues via call-in support
- Completed **1,023** on-site tech supports visits to schools
- Processed **7,849** devices salvaged to harvest reusable parts
- Resolved, on average, **175** employees per month with walk-in support
- Completed the device verification audit of **103,136** assets
- Rolling out the new district and school websites by **Fall 2024**



NETWORKING

- Supports **3500+** School Video Cameras
- Supports **145+** School Door Access Controls

In addition, the Technology Department will be adding WI-FI access on all activity buses as well as upgrading outdoor access points at several school locations utilizing 24-25 ERATE funding.

TRANSPORTATION



BY THE NUMBERS

- Secured an additional **36 lift buses** for our Special Education fleet
- Added **nine white activity buses** for all campuses to utilize for field trips
- Added **30 air-conditioned route buses** for the 24-25 year; sent 30 of our 2024 model buses back to the factory to be retro-fitted for air conditioning
- Garage staff and mechanics now have **two tow trucks** to expedite breakdowns and repairs



HIGHLIGHTS

Our department is transitioning to new routing software for the 24-25 school year, along with new trip software. These two packages will lead to easier management by school level personnel and provide multiple ways to communicate with all parties.

With two state-level certified instructors, we are offering CDL courses in September, December, February, March, and July for those interested in driving for us. There is no cost for this course.

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS



musicians made the all-state music ensembles ranking Calcasieu Parish second in State



AWARD-WINNING STAFF

Mary Donaldson, *LAEA Middle-Level Art Educator Award*

Julie Groth, *LAEA Secondary Art Educator Award*

Phillip Oliver, *LAEA Supervision/Administration Award*

Melissa Harrell, *LAEA Distinguished Service Within the Profession Award*



WAREHOUSE



15,500+

purchase orders processed

Purchase Orders processed. All items must be received, endure quality inspections, accounted for, documented in CPSB's accounting system, and delivered to the correct CPSB site for its final destination.

ADDITIONAL DELIVERY INFORMATION

Annual curriculums were received and distributed to all schools. This included curriculum for all grade levels and world languages, as well as school supplies. The Warehouse staff also received over 650 email requests and deliveries for items such as additional books, curriculums, moving assistance, technology pickup, and water deliveries. Staff also completed over 1,300 regular janitorial requisitions, school lunch janitorial requisitions, summer janitorial requisitions, and duplicating requisitions. These were received, filled, and delivered to sites. New inventory policies and procedures were implemented, Fixed Assets files were cleaned, and the cooler and freezer were repaired from hurricane damages.



OTHER DEPARTMENTS

There are various other departments that directly impact the students and staff within our district, and we are grateful for their commitment and dedication to all stakeholders.

ACCOUNTING
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
ASSESSMENT
PURCHASING
SALES AND USE TAX



SAFETY & SECURITY

SEAL OUR CAMPUSES

Supervision
Entry Points
Awareness
Lock our Doors

ARMED PRESENCE

Maintaining School Resource Officers

Third-party armed guards in schools without law enforcement SROs

All schools have armed security

GRANTS

Stronger Connections Grant - \$518,000

Employed weapons detectors for all middle school and high school campuses

Actively applying for additional safety and security grants

IN ADDITION

Increasing fencing across the district to create specified controlled points of entry

Created Crisis Response Control Room to better allow staff to communicate and collaborate during crisis events

HURRICANE REPAIR UPDATE

FEMA REIMBURSEMENT

\$109,954,129

reimbursed so far for cleanup costs, temporary roofing, debris removal, etc.

\$133,369,397

reimbursed so far for repair work

TOTAL PROJECT OVERVIEW

133

total repair projects

131 (98%)

total bids advertised

130 (98%)

total construction contracts executed

116 (87%)

total projects substantially complete

2024-2025 FOCUS

CONTINUITY OF SYSTEMS FROM THE 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Instructional Leadership Teams

Collective Teacher and Leader Efficacy

STRATEGIC PLAN FOLLOW-THROUGH

The CPSB Strategic Plan is a living document. It contains our primary Focus Areas, but we will have a heavy emphasis on the following:

Partnerships

Literacy

Communication

Academic Growth on LEAP Assessments

Opportunities for Students

Technology

Improvement/Growth in our Identified Schools

Safety and Security

STEAM

Facility Restoration

MARKETING & PUBLICITY

We will continue to promote and market the district as well as continue to recognize the incredible talent that exists within our schools and facilities.



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