



# EAST CLEVELAND CITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

## Students Return to School with Upgrades Around the District

When school began on August 22, students across the District were welcomed to their buildings with a new technology, colorful new furniture, and improvements to the physical spaces that make the revitalization work come alive.

Prospect Academy, Caledonia Elementary, Mayfair Elementary, and the new Superior School for the Performing Arts all received new furniture this summer--from desks and chairs on wheels to promote small group work and greater mobility to reading nooks complete with couches and beanbags to desks with whiteboards embedded in the top, these classrooms have a fresh, new design.

At Kirk Middle School, the summer work focused on infrastructure. A new rooftop chiller unit was installed to improve air conditioning. *Cont. on p. 2*



*Ms. Stokes works with Caledonia students on their handwriting at our new whiteboard desktops.*



### From the Superintendent

It's with great pleasure that I welcome all of our students and families back for the 2022-23 school year. We have some great events on the horizon and I am excited to lead this District through its Revitalization Plan.

I invite everyone to participate in some district events this year--a concert, a game, a meeting, or a townhall. Together, we can make this Revitalization Plan a reality.

Let's have a great year.



### From the Board President

To the students, families, staff, and community members of East Cleveland, it is wonderful to have everyone back in the buildings again. The beginning of a new school year is a time of hope, a time when everyone can set their plans into motion to achieve their goals.

The 2022-23 school year will be a pivotal one as the District returns to complete local control. Join us at a board meeting and be a part of this work.

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### Upcoming Events

September 22--Father's Walk

October 14--NEOEA DAY, No School

October 21--End of Quarter 1

October 27--Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 8--PD Day, No School

November 9--Parent-Teacher Conferences



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Above: Cranes move new chiller units into place on the roof of Kirk M.S.

Below: 75" flat panel monitors with Neat Bar Pros are installed into every classroom at Shaw, Kirk, Mayfair, and Superior



Also at Kirk, the concrete on both sets of front stairs leading to the building from Terrace Road have been repaired. Finally, all student lockers at Kirk and Shaw received a new coat of paint, brightening the hallways.

The District also made improvements in putting more technology into the classrooms as Shaw, Kirk, Mayfair, and Superior were all outfitted with new flat panel monitors and accompanying video conferencing software. With this, teachers and students can collaborate and display classroom work, show videos and slide decks, conference with other rooms, and even hold virtual field trips without ever leaving the room.

New fence wraps were installed at Shaw Stadium, and the work continues to build out the concessions space.

This is just the beginning --as the District will be installing eSports rooms, student workout areas, plus new windows and doors in the coming months. Stay tuned to our social media channels for real time updates.

### 100 Men Clap in Shaw High Students on First Day

To get the school year off on the right step, Shaw High School clapped in its students with the help of 100 Men. Organized by Beverly Bright-Lloyd, the district's family engagement coordinator, the kick off event emphasizes that revitalization is only possible when families, and especially the fathers, are involved. "We want to be a family district," said Bright-Lloyd. "This two generational approach means while we're educating students, we are also closing the gap between children and families."



Above: Members of the Shaw PTSA, the County Fatherhood Initiative, city council, ECPD, ECFD, and many more were part of the 100 Men event.

### Bus Driver Recognized for Service at Opening Convocation

Mr. Thomas Petty, a forty-three year employee of the East Cleveland City School District, was recognized as the top bus driver in the state by the Ohio Association of Pupil Transportation at this year's convocation. He received the George Sontag Jr. Award for School Bus Driver of the Year for 2022.

Mr. Petty is respected among his peers, both inside the district and around the state of Ohio. Mr. Petty is dependable, reporting to work on time each day, during the pandemic. Mr. Petty is a proud family man, as a husband, father, and grandfather, and he brings a calm disposition and family sensibility to his work throughout the year.



Above: Mr. Petty receiving his award for top school bus driver in Ohio for 2022.

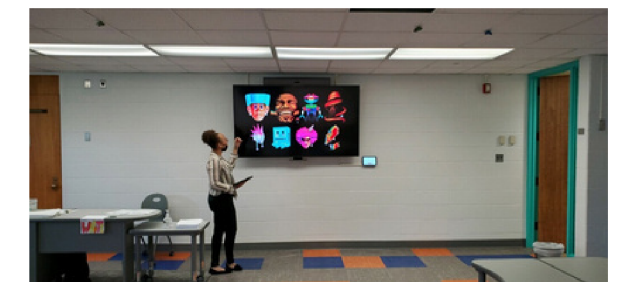
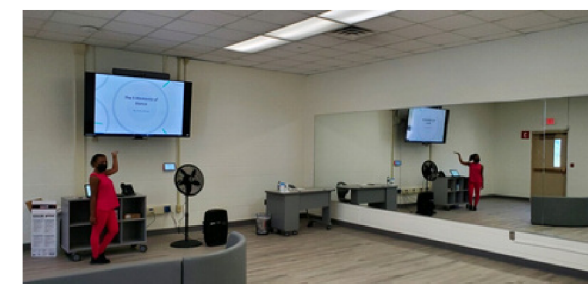
### Superior School for the Performing Arts Opens to Grades 3 & 4

The Superior School for the Performing Arts opened its doors to students in grades three and four on August 22. In addition to the core classes of English, math, science, and social studies, students at Superior carry a schedule that includes classes in drama and stage performance, music, dance, and visual arts.

SSPA hosted its open house to over fifty family and community members who were awed by beautiful academic and specialty spaces--especially the new dance room!

There is still space to enroll your child in the Superior School for the Performing Arts.

Questions about the school, its curriculum or programming can be emailed to [superiorarts@eastclevelandschools.org](mailto:superiorarts@eastclevelandschools.org) or call 216-268-6670. Or you can start the registration process online at [www.eastclevelandschools.org](http://www.eastclevelandschools.org)



Left: Dance instructor Ms. McCully shows off the new couches, dance floor, and performance mirrors in the dance classroom. Right: Art teacher Ms. White shares images on Superior's new big screen monitors. The art room at Superior is actually a double classroom that doubles as both a production and gallery space.