Opening of Schools 2019



School Board Retreat Department of Curriculum and Instruction

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Essential Questions

- 1. What **preparation** went into the opening of schools for 2019-2020 academic year?
- 2. What were some of the **highlights**?
- 3. How are we **working towards improvement**?



Building Professional Capacity

- School Improvement Planning
- Three-Day Leadership Academy: *Equity For All*
- Summer Professional
 Development for
 Teachers
- New Teacher Orientation

- Jefferson-Houston (J-H)
 PreK-8 International
 Baccalaureate (IB) School
 Summer Learning Institute
- Qualifications
 Training for
 Custodians
 and Engineers





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Supporting School Leaders

• Opening of Schools Readiness

Checklist

- Preparing Back-to-School
 Welcome Packets
- Adjusting Transportation
 Routes





Establishing First Impressions

- Developing the **Initiative**
 - Front Entrances Have Signage in Several Languages and Braille
 - Clean, Colorful Interiors Displaying School Spirit
 - Upgrading Main Entry Grounds and Landscaping
- Coordinating with Parent
 Teacher Advisory
 Committee (PTAC)
 to Support the Initiative





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Ensuring Academic Excellence

- Finalizing Master
 Schedules and Class
 Rosters
- Confirming Class and Course Assignments
- Attending Weekly
 Student Enrollment Meetings
- Ensuring **Student Placement**
- Implementing K-Prep





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Celebrating the Highlights

- Delivering Textbook Adoption Resources and Materials
- Entering Phase II of the Early Childhood Center (September 3, 2019)
- Opening the Mount Vernon Community School Playground





Working Towards Improvement

- Updating Canvas Instructional Management System
- Elevating Landscaping Standards
- Developing Preventative
 Maintenance Plans
- Planning for Building Renovations: Facility Condition Assessments
- Ensuring All **Buses** Have Air Conditioning



"It's a journey, not a destination"



Questions and Discussion



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