

○ Curriculum Update
Mrs. Cynthia Epps

Ms. Hatcher, Business Education Teacher is the recipient of a \$25,000 computer science grant on behalf of the school.

State Board of Education will hold a called meeting on December 21, 2020 to vote on the Statewide Passing Score Adoption. This recommendation was made available for public comment through December 16, 2020.

○ Elementary/Middle School
Mrs. Brenda Walker, Director

Covid19 protocols are still being established. The children are doing well with virtual learning.

○ High School
Mr. Jonathan Taylor, Principal

High School's Internal Account balance - \$15,415.42

Virtual learning is going very well. Administrators are able to observe teachers while teaching the same if they were in the classroom.

An updated basketball schedule was distributed to the Board Members. The schedule is constantly changing due the covid pandemic.

○ Guidance Counselor
Dr. Jody Tarleton, Counselor

Counseling is going well in our virtual environment. We are meeting with students in-person; via telephone and on Office 365. The students who come to our offices for sessions are the same students who need additional support via phone or TEAMS. A large portion of our time is spent with seniors focusing on them planning for their future. With each call the health of the students as well as their families is discussed.

Last month two referrals were made to DFACS due to information received. One complaint was for abuse the other was for neglect. DFACS notified us that both reports are being investigated.

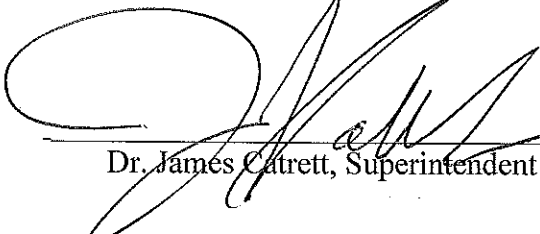
We have 39 seniors this year. Twenty-five have already applied for college. Of those, eight are interested in Voorhees College. One student has signed with the U.S. Navy. Another student is pursuing the U.S. Air Force.


ASVAB testing was given December 1, 2020 for all juniors and seniors that are interested.

o Action Items from Superintendent

Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent

- o Covid19 – Mrs. Epps/Mrs. Walker -The number of cases in Talbot County is slowly increasing. Currently there have been 218 reported cases with 8 deaths. Talbot County is in the red zone.
- o Threat Update – Mrs. Epps – The threat level is currently at the high level. Our numbers appear to be steadily increasing.
- o Individuals with disabilities Act (IDEA) – We are required to meet disproportionality in three ways: 1. Significant Disproportionality of Students with Disabilities for identification, placement and discipline; 2. Disproportionate Representation of racial/ethnic groups in special education in all disabilities; and 3. Significant Discrepancy in the rate of suspension/expulsion. The GaDOE determined that Talbot County has no significant disproportionality, disproportionate representation or significant discrepancy.
- o December 2020 State Board of Education Meeting. The State Board voted to initiate the posting of State School Superintendent Richard Woods’ original recommendation of .01% weight for public comment. The SBOE will vote in a called meeting on December 21, 2020.
- o Construction Update: Final walkthrough with R.K.R Construction and the Architect has been completed. The final payment will not be made until everything on the punch list is completed.
- o Dr. Catrett and Chair Sharletta Hall recognized the outgoing board members, Mrs. Quintella Carter and Mr. Harrison Couch with a plaque and refreshments honoring their service to the Talbot County School Board.
- o Chair Sharleta Hall moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.


Dr. James Catrett, Superintendent


Mrs. Sharleta Hall, Chairperson