



Akron Public Schools®

Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Oct 07, 2024 - REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Category	30. NEW BUSINESS
Subject	30.1 Resolution - Proclaiming the Excellence Progress of the Akron Public School District and Congratulating Scholars, Staff & the Superintendent
Type	Action, Information
Recommended Action	Resolution - Proclaiming the Excellence Progress of the Akron Public School District and Congratulating Scholars, Staff & the Superintendent

Resolution #24-146

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE EXCELLENT PROGRESS OF THE AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CONGRATULATING SCHOLARS, STAFF, AND THE SUPERINTENDENT ON THEIR

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WHEREAS, the Akron Public School District Board of Education ("Board") believes that hard work, progress and dedication should be publicly recognized; and

WHEREAS, the Board is proud of the progress made by scholars in the Akron Public School District under the leadership of Superintendent Dr. Robinson; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the community has recently heard negative stories about Akron Public Schools and wants to highlight the accomplishments of its scholars and staff; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Robinson's leadership the Akron Public School District has had great success in the following areas:

1. APS has the highest Graduation Rate Component Rating (88.1%) among Ohio's eight largest districts.
2. APS scholars earning an industry credential is 47.1% compared to 19.5% at the state level.
3. APS scholars outperformed similar districts at the elementary level in six of seven areas.
4. 54% of APS schools have an overall rating of three stars or above.
5. APS Gap Closing improved from two stars to three stars, an increase from 27.1% to 22.7%.
6. APS reduced chronic absenteeism from 47.3% to 44.7%.
7. APS launched of new all-day prekindergarten program.
8. APS established the Department of Human Capital to uplift and value all employees of the District and to transform the role of Human Capital as a leader in the centralization of various employment processes for efficiency, economy, and effectiveness.
9. APS has fostered ongoing community engagement through quarterly advisory and cornerstone meetings, providing regular updates on district initiatives and strategic progress, and ensuring transparency and collaboration with stakeholders.
10. APS has established an Internal Equity and Compliance Committee to promote fairness and equity in the review of all district-wide contracts and financial decisions.
11. APS has experienced an increase in student enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year after years of declining enrollment.
12. APS has established recognition for Principal of the Year and Support Staff of the Year.
13. APS has implemented APS Matters, highlighting and recognizing the work aligned to the Blueprint for Excellence – The Strategic Plan.
14. APS has implemented opportunities for the community to engage with District leaders on a quarterly basis to hear and give feedback on the Blueprint for Excellence – The Strategic Plan.
15. APS believes in student voice and leadership, and the Student Advisory Committee meets with the superintendent on a quarterly basis; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent will soon be providing an update to the community regarding the progress of the schools at the State of the System Address.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Akron City School District that:

SECTION 1: The Board hereby formally recognizes and congratulates scholars, staff, and the Superintendent on the outstanding progress that has been made under the leadership of Superintendent Dr. Robinson.

SECTION 2: The Board reaffirms the excellent performance evaluation of Superintendent Dr. Robinson and encourages him to continue the positive progress and momentum he has established within the District.

SECTION 3. The Board invites the staff, scholars and their families, community members, and local media to hear more about our successes and plans at Superintendent Dr. Robinson's State of the System Address on Wednesday, October 30, 2024.