

Welcome to the Durham Unified School District



From the Board of Trustees:

The Durham Unified School District Board of Trustees would like to welcome back both new and returning students, parents and staff. As we enter the 2020-2021 we find ourselves in the middle of a Covid-19 pandemic forcing us to start school in a Distance Learning Model. We remain excited, enthusiastic and confident that our students will set and reach new goals on their academic journey to prepare them for a successful future. Thanks to a caring and dedicated staff working hand in hand with parents and community volunteers this journey will be very beneficial and rewarding to students, parents and staff.

Under direction from the state and county health departments, we will begin the year in Distance Learning. We prefer our students to be in classrooms receiving in-person instruction from our dedicated hard-working staff. We will strive to return our students to campus as soon as the state and county health departments tell us it is safe to do so.

The key to Durham Unified School District's tremendous success is the active and ongoing parental support. We encourage parents, friends and community members to volunteer their time and skills to supplement our limited resources. Student attendance, whether in person or by a virtual online system, is critical to a student's success and will be enhanced by making sure they are encouraged to practice good hygiene, proper nutrition and get plenty of rest. We encourage cooperation and partnerships that include parents, teachers, community volunteers/organizations and staff that will assure we will continue to be successful in our educational endeavors and an ongoing source of pride in our community.

Our entire board takes seriously the responsibilities you have delegated to us to maintain and enhance our students' potential to be knowledgeable, productive and responsible citizens. We encourage parents and citizens to review our policies that guide us as an Administrative Team to accomplish our mission. We encourage you to be actively involved in your children's education by visiting classrooms, volunteering when possible, and meeting when needed with Teachers, Principals and the Superintendent. Our board holds monthly meetings with posted agendas and welcomes your attendance, input and observations. As long as we are in the Covid-19 pandemic, the board meetings are available via the Zoom link at durhamunified.org. As Board members, we are your neighbors and encourage you to contact us with any and all questions, concerns or comments you feel will assist us in reaching our district's goals.

Finally, we thank you for your continued confidence in Durham Unified School District and we are looking forward to working with you to help our students and staff complete another productive, safe and rewarding year.

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