

Superintendent's Report

August 11, 2014

Chairwoman Diane Porter, members of the Board; it is my pleasure to call your attention to a few items of special interest.

Congratulations to Julia Bauscher, JCPS Director of School and Community Nutrition Services. Julia was installed as president of the School Nutrition Association at last month's annual national conference in Boston and featured in the August 2014 issue of the School Nutrition Association publication. The School Nutrition Association is the national organization of school nutrition professionals committed to advancing the quality of school meal programs through education and advocacy. Best wishes to Julia in this important role and opportunity.

The 2014 Challenger Center Annual Conference is in Louisville, Kentucky, August 10–14. This morning, I met Lance Bush, president and CEO, and June Scobee Rodgers, founder of Challenger Centers, and Barbara Morgan, NASA's first educator astronaut.

Tomorrow, Tuesday, August 12, at 10 a.m., we will host the 2014–15 *JCPS Connect* Kickoff—a **live**, virtual, districtwide event. The 2014–15 *JCPS Connect* Kickoff will provide employees the opportunity to:

- Receive information directly from me and my leadership team,
- Learn about a new resource for all employees, and
- Engage cabinet members and me in a live question-and-answer session.

As we begin a new school year, it is important for all JCPS employees to have accurate information about the progress they are a part of each day. We know they receive questions from our community, and we want them to have the answers at their fingertips. So, as a part of *JCPS Connect*—our initiative to strengthen internal communications—we are launching a new info-graphic web page, created by graphic designer Sarah Haley. It details the progress of the district in several key areas <http://www.jefferson.kyschools.us/JCPSConnect/>

(Item R. on the Consent Calendar)

R. Approval to Name the Upper Gymnasium at Frederick Law Olmsted Academy North the Derwin "Durk" Davidson Gymnasium

I would like to welcome and congratulate Mr. Durk Davidson. Attending with Mr. Davidson tonight are his wife, Pat; his sons, Drake and Dylan; the current principal, Ryan Rodosky; past principal, Bill Perkins; and Assistant Superintendent Amy Dennes.

Mr. Davidson is a graduate of Seneca High School. He began working as a Family Resource and Youth Services Center (FRYSC) Coordinator at Olmsted Academy North, formerly Southern Middle School, in 1994. During his 20 years at Olmsted Academy North, Mr. Davidson mentored thousands of students. Mr. Davidson is a shining example of JCPS at its best.

Chairwoman Porter, at this time, I recommend the consent calendar for the Board's consideration.