



SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE Education Headlines

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CHRIST- CENTERED

Let us start with the end in mind, salvation. Devotion is an important requirement of Seventh-day Adventist schools. Each and every morning, teachers and staff are to usher in the presence of God in our schools. We are elated to share that all teachers received professional development in the new elementary Bible Encounter curriculum, conducted by Lanelle Cobbin of Australia.

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS



On behalf of our Conference President Ben Jones, we would like to welcome teachers and students back, especially those who are joining us for the first time. We would like to thank everyone for attending the 2018 NAD Teachers Convention in Chicago. A plethora of staff development sessions were offered to the teachers. SCC principals, Dr. Summer Wood of F.H. Jenkins SDA Preparatory School and Mr. Gabriel Madrid of Oakwood Adventist Academy were co-presenters at the convention. Their presentation topic was entitled, **Easy Steps to Shift Your School to a Data Driven Decision Model**, which is in line with one of the **EIGHT DRIVING INITIATIVES** in the South Central Conference. SCC Principal, Ms. Nikkia Hampton of Ephesus Jr. Academy and SCC Teacher, Mrs. Tara Bailey of E.E. Rogers SDA School were also featured presenters. Two of our local school board chairpersons attended the convention, Dr. Mae Henry, E.E. Rogers SDA School & Dr. Everett Roper, Oakwood Adventist Academy. South Central Conference started its year in Chicago with renowned educator and author, Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu as our featured speaker. His presentation was dynamic, both spiritually and academically. SCC schools opened with 759 students. F.H. Jenkins and Avondale led the way in student increases (F.H. Jenkins, 53 to 71, Dr. Summer Wood, Principal and Avondale, 40 to 49, Mrs. Rosemarie Jeffries, Principal).

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

SCC is continuing to improve and institute the implementation of Professional Learning Communities, Data- Driven Instruction and the Principal/Teacher Evaluation Process. Mandated and non-negotiable initiatives such as, Star 360 benchmarking for student progress monitoring of math and reading, data analysis & data driven instruction, book studies on effective best practices, etc., have been implemented. South Central Conference has completed its math scope & sequence curriculum initiative. Scope and sequences are a detailed set of plans and standards that clearly define what and when specific content should be taught. The document has been correlated with standardized assessments offered by the SCC to our students. Oakwood Adventist Academy was delivered the completed math scope & sequence document on Friday, August 24, 2018 to start the review and implementation process.

SCC AUGUST & SEPTEMBER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

August 6-9 NAD Teacher Conference (Chicago, IL)
August 27 Star Assessment (Benchmark & Progress Monitoring)
September 17 Teacher Professional Development Day (1/2 day for students)
Sept. 24 - Oct. 5 IOWA Testing

CHARLES & ETTA DUDLEY FUNDS ISSUED TO (\$80,000 ALLOTMENT SCHOOLS)

- Avondale SDA School issued \$41,471.00
- Ephesus Jr. Academy issued \$39,965.57
- FH Jenkins SDA Prep. issued \$60,000.00

*It is not the intention of SCC Office of Education Department to “jump on the bandwagon” with every new educational program that arises. However, it is the position of the SCC Office of Education Department to implement a systemic culture of accountability, research-based best practices and an urgency to move from **Explanation to Execution**.*

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE SCHOOLS CHRIST CENTERED -DATA DRIVEN INSTRUCTION

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