

## **Hamilton County School District**

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Dear Hamilton County School District Staff, Parents, Students, and Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you back for another great year in the Hamilton School District. We are getting excited for the return of our students to their classrooms on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, to continue our upward movement in the area of academic performance. It is our mission to "Change Lives Through Quality Education" and to ensure a successful future for every student. As a district we believe that all children can succeed and should be prepared upon graduation for the demands of obtaining a college degree, a career and technical education certification, enter the military, or go directly into the workforce.

We are very proud of the performance of both of our district schools as well as the district as a whole in earning a grade of "C" from the Florida Department of Education's accountability program. In fact, both schools raised their total point value in the grading system by 11% points which put them only 5% points from a grade of "B"! This was the result of the staff and students setting high expectations and working with staff to achieve at this high level. It was also the result of the families, churches, and community members joining and supporting us in the journey. I look forward to the new school year and the continued opportunities to move our student's academic progress forward.

I am honored to serve as the Superintendent of the Hamilton School District and it is truly a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, teachers, and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's school or myself at <a href="mailto:rex.mitchell@hamiltonfl.com">rex.mitchell@hamiltonfl.com</a> or 386-792-7801 if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

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Sincerely,

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