

Senator NEWSLETTER

Oct 2022



WELCOME!

It is with pleasure that we welcome the students and families of the Senator Nation to the 2022-2023 school year.

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SCHOOL DIRECTORY



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East Dover Elementary

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Dover, DE 19901
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Fairview Elementary

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Dover, DE 19904
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School Website:
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Kent County Secondary Intensive Learning Center

631 Ridgely Street
Dover, DE 19904
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School Website:
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Hartly Elementary

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2617 Arthursville Road
Hartly, DE 19953
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School Website:
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North Dover Elementary

855 State College Road
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School Website:
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South Dover Elementary

955 South State Street
Dover, DE 19904
Phone - 302-672-1690
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School Website:
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Kent County Community School

65-1 Carver Road
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Towne Point Elementary

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Central Middle School

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William Henry Middle School

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Dover High School

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From the desk of Dr. Vilicia Cade CEO/Superintendent



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I encourage you to get a copy of “Transition 2023: A Plan to Reconfigure Capital School District” and check out the stops on our document titled “The Roadmap: Advance Excellence Through Innovation” for more details. Additionally, I urge you to join one of the three strategic intent work groups if you are a student, staff, parent, or community member. The strategic plan work groups focus on topics organized around our three strategic intents: Linear & Streamlined, Needs of the whole child,, Senator Pride.

During this school year strategic planning teams will be invited to “Reimagining Learning Sessions” to understand research important to best practices in the new grade configured schools. These will be called “Super Senator Ideals”.

Our strategic plan will start with the end in mind— A Portrait of a Graduate of 2033. Most important to our strategic planning work will be to align our teaching and learning efforts to the skills, attributes and dispositions based on our future workforce needs. Our efforts will be centered on research and what will be needed in the workplace 10-years out.

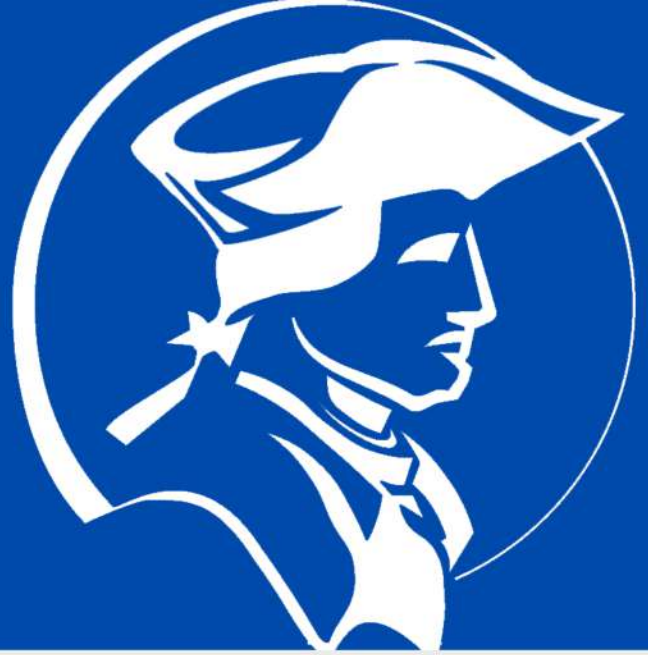
Our goal is to adapt to the workforce needs of a quickly changing technological world using the year 2033 as our target. The end game is the same to ensure our students are ready for college, starting a career or serving in the military when they graduate.

I want to remind us of our core values adopted last year—excellence through equity, unity through love and leadership through inclusiveness. These core values will continue to characterize our behavior and actions toward each other as we stay the course. I have learned during my inaugural year what Senators do—we lead! This year I’ll be shining a light on those Senators who are demonstrating our core values in their actions toward others and celebrating our growth.

In closing, I encourage every Senator to embrace educational excellence today for a changing tomorrow!

Dr. Vilicia Cade

From the Capital School District Board of Education



Welcome Back! I hope you had a rejuvenating summer and are having fun with the return of our students. This communication aims to share some important actions taken by our esteemed Board of Education on Wednesday, October 12th. I would also like to thank our administrators and any of you who attended our October Board of Education meeting. Lastly, we will add two new priorities this year, all of which are listed below:

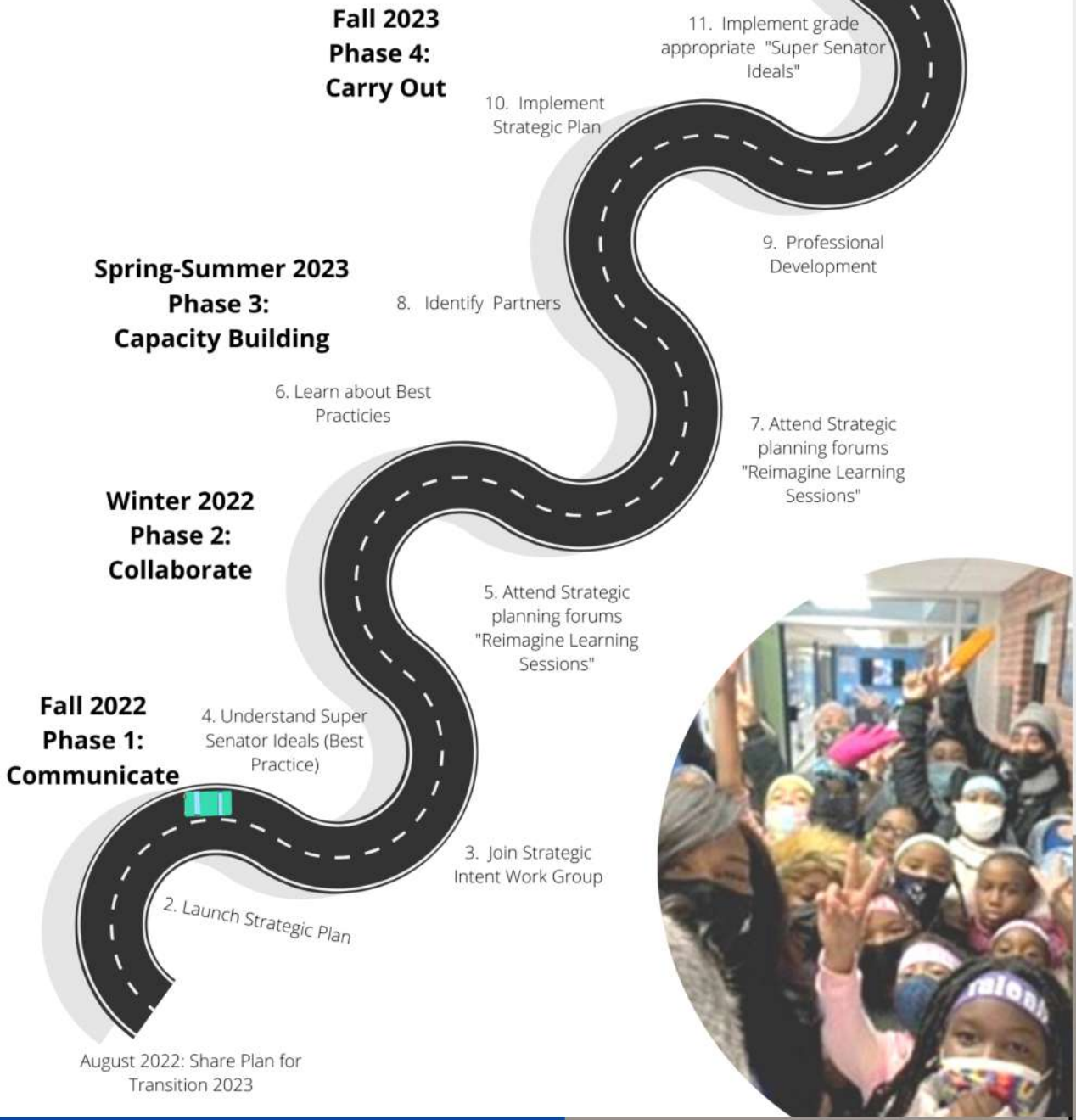
1. Care
2. Communication
3. Community
4. Creativity
5. Cultural Proficiency
6. Capacity Building
7. Continuous Improvement

Here are the actions that were recently taken by the Board of Education:

- The Capital School District Board of Education deferred the approval of feeder patterns for the new middle schools.
 - The CSD Board of Education took action and changed the date for the December board meeting since the previous date created a conflict with the ESP statewide celebration. The new date for the Board of Education Meeting is Tuesday, December 6, 2022.
 - The CSD Board of Education was commended for supporting the new tradition of having fireworks at the Homecoming game this year.
 - The next Transition 2023 Strategic Planning Meeting is November 15, 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Please check the district website to pick a workgroup and attend.
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THE ROADMAP: ADVANCE EXCELLENCE THROUGH INNOVATION





CAPITAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Family Fun

Games

Helicopter

Free Food

Fire Trucks

Performances

& More!

6th Annual

SUPER SENATOR DAY

10 . 15 . 2022

10 AM - 2 PM

Dover High School

**A DAY OF CELEBRATION OF OUR SCHOOLS,
STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY!**

**ARE YOU A COMMUNITY PARTNER/VENDOR WHO WOULD
LIKE MORE INFO OR A FREE TABLE AT THE EVENT? PLEASE
CONTACT: SUPERSENATORDAY@CAPITAL.K12.DE.US**

*Spurring the Audacity of Hope to
Advance Excellence through Innovation*

Congrats!



NORTH DOVER ELEMENTARY NATIONAL 2022 BLUE RIBBON RECIPIENT

North Dover Elementary School was recognized today by the U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona along with 296 schools across the nation as a National Blue Ribbon School for 2022. The recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. "Each day, I am a witness to the efforts put forth by every staff member at North Dover. I see the love that is poured into the students and the amazing talent that delivers lessons to our little senators. We ground our work at North Dover in love. It is that love that drives the development of enriching lessons, the scaffolding and differentiation mapped out to reach all learners, and the many other tasks that go into ensuring the needs of the whole child are met," said Dr. Shani Benson, North Dover Elementary School Principal.

Dr. Vilicia Cade, Chief Executive Officer and Superintendent of Capital School District stated "Kudos to Dr. Benson and the entire staff serving at North Elementary School for illuminating what Senators do best—lead! Blue Ribbon achievement is a crowning accomplishment for Senator Nation. This recognition validates that we are on the right path to realizing our vision to launch an era of excellence through innovation!"



Shani Benson
Principal



LOVE SPOTLIGHT CAMPAIGN



During the 2022-2023 School Year, Dr. Cade, CEO & Superintendent of Capital School District, will implement the “Love Spotlight Campaign”. This campaign will serve as an opportunity to recognize students, staff, and community people who are enacting one of the three cornerstones of our Core Values.

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1. Excellence through Equity:

This means that our district values the importance of providing different supports for students, staff, and parents. We acknowledge that excellence happens when we differentiate services to students, training, and resources for schools or staff, and offer a choice for all.

2. Unity through Love:

This means that our district values the importance of collaboration and working together to demonstrate kindness and professionalism in our actions and respect our partnerships.

3. Leadership through Inclusiveness:

This means that our district values the importance of choice and voice. We want to develop opportunities for students, staff, parents, and the community to help inform the decisions we make.

Those identified for enacting the cornerstones of our Core Values will have Dr. Cade’s “Love Spotlight” shined on them. Dr. Cade will be providing “Love Spotlight Senators” (students, staff, parents, or community members) with a certificate, will feature them in the district newsletter, and a monthly gift card drawing will take place where the names of each month’s winners will be submitted to win a gift card.

The three cornerstones of our Core Values are:

1. Excellence through Equity
2. Unity through Love
3. Leadership through Inclusiveness



2022-2023 Professionals of the Year Serving Our Students with Excellence!



CAPITAL
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**TEACHER
OF
THE YEAR**

AMY BOWEN



CAPITAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT

**BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH
PROFESSIONAL
THE YEAR**

ANDREW ROVER



CAPITAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT

**EDUCATIONAL
SUPPORT
PERSON OF
THE YEAR**

DAVID HOM

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**2021-2022
Professionals
of the Year
Serving Our
Students
with
Excellence!**



**2021-2022 ESP OF THE YEAR
DARIEN "STRETCH" ROBINSON**



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Teaching & Learning

Here is some of the exciting work taking place in the Teaching and Learning department. We have begun the implementation of our new curriculum in ELA and Math. It's exciting to work and we are poised to see an upward trend in student outcomes with the continued use of the programs. We are looking forward to our work with Restorative Mindsets, the first level of training for our Principals and Associate Principals. Once school leaders are trained, the work begins to ensure that the same mindsets are prevalent as we work with our students. We have begun our second season of work to improve our inclusionary practices for the benefit of our students. We believe that this along with the further development of our special education manual will serve our students well now and in the coming future. We are excited about our upcoming educational showcase which we call Super Senator Day. Community members can come out and join us on October 15th for activities, food, and fun.

We recently had a professional learning Day on September 23rd that included professional learning in the areas of:

1. ALICE training
2. Curricular work
3. McKinney Vento training
4. Safe and positive approaches
5. The Leader in Me

Dr. Edward Smalls
Assistant Superintendent of Schools



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Operations Update

Thanks to all for an exceptional School Opening on all fronts!

- Facilities and Grounds continue to be in top-notch shape.
- Transportation overcame significant technical hurdles to get students safely to school and back home for School Opening.
- After successful summer programming at South Dover Elementary, the custodial team worked overtime to get the building back in shape for Day One.
- Thanks to custodians from other buildings who pitched in to help out at South!
- Thanks to everyone across the District for your strong commitment to Safety & Security. Constables have been assessing each building with the safety checklist. School leadership teams have executed drills and formed Crisis/Reunification teams.
- Staff have diligently been completing their ALICE and RAVE training. (Please remember to add the RAVE app to your phone!)
- Congratulations to Towne Point for their \$800k Wraparound grant award!!
- The District has initiated Take Care Delaware. Thanks to those who completed the training and are ready for notifications.
- Thanks to Dover High and Central who actively participated in the Governor's Career Expo. Central sent every 8th grader!

Damien Burke
Chief Operations Officer



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Athletics

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Senator Athletics is off and running for the 2022/2023 school year. Please find all of our game schedules, rosters, and important dates at senatorssports.com. Tryouts for winter sports officially open on November 7th, 2022. Please be sure to have your DIAA physical submitted prior to November 7th. Physical forms can be picked up in the main office or use the link on the homepage of senatorsports.com.

October Home Games

- **Football - October 1st, 7th, and 22nd**
- **Soccer - October 20th and 27th**
- **Field Hockey - October 4th, 13th, 20th and 25th**
- **Volleyball - October 6th and 17th**
- **Cross Country - October 19th (at Schutte Park)**



Community Involvement

The Athletic Department at Dover High School encourages community involvement in our programs. We welcome the support of all parents, students, fans, and community members. All parties involved are encouraged to exercise good sportsmanship. The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) offers free courses on a wide range of sports-related topics, including sportsmanship, concussion, the role of parents in sports, and heat-related illness. Link to all courses: <http://www.nfhslearn.com/courses>

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