

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, DR. CLEO F. RICHARDSON

I am humbled to be serving our students, parents, staff, and community in this capacity. I am very optimistic about the current direction our school district is heading, and I look forward to working in concert with our trustees, district and school leadership, and community stakeholders as we strive to help each of our students realize his/her greatest potential. Without question, Lee County School District has experienced tremendous educational success throughout the years and every day I continue to find evidence to support that belief. I am proud our students strive every day to do better, and am proud our teachers and staff set the highest standards for their students and themselves.

An unstable economy never overshadowed the outstanding achievements that took place in our district last year. Major achievements from this past year included:

- The graduating class of 2011 earned 3.4 million dollars of scholarship funding to pursue higher education.
- The district met 14 of 19 subgroups of our Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals.
- Lee Central High School had a graduation rate of 83.9 in 2010 which placed the district ninth among the 86 school districts.
- West Lee Elementary School made all of its Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals for the second consecutive year.

All of these accomplishments are a testament to the hard work of our dedicated teachers and staff. Even with our current budget conditions, we will continue to provide a quality education that meets the needs of all students. We are working diligently to provide choice to every student in our district.

It is our pleasure to work for and with all students, parents, and school partners. Lee County School District invites the Lee County community to celebrate the successes of our students, teachers, and administrators. Additionally, as our district reaches for new heights, new district partners in excellence are welcome and encouraged. We ask that you, our community, continue to work with us as we strive to make our outstanding school system an even better pathway to success.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve the children and community of Lee County School District.