

City of Baker School Board

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CITY OF BAKER SCHOOL BOARD RELEASES COMMUNITY UPDATE

BAKER, LA – In an effort to make stakeholders aware of the positive things happening in the City of Baker School System, the following community update was released:

- Teachers receive significant pay raise. Baker School System teacher pay is now second highest in southern region.
- Bus drivers
 - Parents can now subscribe to BusWhere to track where their children are while on the bus.
 - All Baker School System school buses are air-conditioned.
- Baker High School Restoration Project
 - Progressing toward completion
 - Tentative opening date July 2024
- Security upgrades are occurring to create safe school campuses.
 - Baker School System awarded federal grant in the amount of \$518,000 to improve school security
- Student Handbook revised to curb discipline issues.
 - Cell phones banned in classrooms.
- Student attendance is improving.
 - Using JCAMPUS (student information system)
 - Alliance/Grant with Louisiana State University to improve student attendance.
- New school/community partnerships:
 - Dual Enrollment with Southern University
 - Baton Rouge Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (BR STEM)
 - Rosebud Healthcare and Training, LLC for a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program (17 students are currently enrolled)
 - Restorative Outreach Center for full-time, school-based counseling
 - 4-H (LSU Ag Center)
 - Upward Bound with Southern University
- High-quality curriculum is now in place:
 - New K-12 phonics program
 - New high-quality science program in grades K-5
 - CLEP (College Level Examination Program) -- an optional testing program for high school students to earn college credit.
- Progress monitoring is in place for academics.
- Truancy protocol for the school system with local judicial system
- Technology -- One computer per child
- Central Office
 - Staff has been significantly reduced by combining administrative positions.

A town hall meeting has been proposed for Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Baker School Board Office.

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