



# FERGUSON-FLORISSANT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Comet Students and Parent,

I am excited to officially launch Year 2020-2021 at McCluer High School-Our Virtual Reality! I am humbled to serve as your principal during a time when leadership matters more than ever before; not just my leadership, but each one of us is a leader at McCluer, including you students, and everything we do or say can improve the quality of the school community. Our challenges do not surpass our potential for greatness! So, I encourage you to take the leadership challenge for this year outlined below:

**One-Tell your story:** Students, your journey to excellence has powerful moments that influenced you to improve, especially your perseverance through the pandemic and civil unrest. What did you do? How did you handle it? Think about those moments and find ways to share those moments with your teachers and peers.

**Two-Make your year count:** For Example, if you are behind in credits, or if you can handle an honors or advanced class, reach out to your counselor for help. Every single class you take can be relevant in your life after high school. For example, you are not just taking an English class; you are learning how to bring your words to life, and you are learning to express your voice by writing about your courage, fear, triumph, love, and kindness! Every time you engage with others, use the world around you as your classroom, and use everyday objects as your textbook.

**Three-Value the collective human will:** Students, embrace collaboration as often as possible, and expect that from your classmates. Not one of us arrives at excellence alone; we have teammates, parents and grandparents, teachers, and peers who help us along the way. Collaborate with those around you; trust me it will give you more to talk about in your assignments because I know you love to talk!

**Four-Be your best at getting better:** It is easy to look at others and think “if she would just...” or “if he would just stop...” well, start by making you better, and leave little time worrying about if others would “just” do something. I am going to be the best Principal I can be! Be your best at getting better, and somehow I believe that others will see and be able to share in your positive energy, especially your fellow classmates!

**Five-Remember your story:** Don’t forget why you need an education, don’t forget the moments, the people, the experiences, the favorite teacher, coach or principal, and don’t forget to be your best in all that you do.

The administrative team is fully committed to the success of each scholar, and we will focus on the social-emotional well-being of each scholar. The administrative grade level assignments for the 20-21 academic year at McCluer are as follows:

Dr. Tracee Lewis- 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dr. Courtney J. Ford Sr. -11<sup>th</sup> grade  
Mr. Kurtis Downing- 10<sup>th</sup> grade

Dr. Andrew Emmerich-9<sup>th</sup> grade  
Mr. Dave Kastrup- Athletic Director  
Mr. Willie Eaglin- Dean of Students

Students, you are our top priority, and we are going to do our part to prepare you for your future in a safe, caring, and engaging space, despite the Covid-19 pandemic. Our journey to excellence is a daily pursuit, and the vast experiences of our school community make that journey exciting!

Here is what I know right now:

1. Our school year will begin virtually, and the daily time schedule is still a work in progress.
2. Our learning platform will be canvas, and our method of delivery will be zoom; students will have time to learn how to use the tools before content work is assigned.
3. Counselors and administrators are working to finalize student schedules; there will be no face to face instruction, or interaction with students. They will need to use Tyler for schedule information; make sure you know how to use Tyler, and if you don't email your counselor for help.
4. There will be no Chromebooks issued for 20-21 until all have been collected and re-imaged; we have times scheduled on 8/10-8/11 for drop off at McCluer in the M-1 circle, or you can call to schedule a drop off in the main office.
5. We will have several emotional and social supports in place for students; other things will be shared once we return to the building.
6. The Freshman Academy Model will be in place virtually, and AVID will be a major part of the academic development of our students.
7. **Please complete the online verification process if you have not done so; you can follow the link below:**  
[20/21 SCHOOL YEAR ONLINE REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT FOR PRE-K - 12TH GRADE](#)

Thank you for your continued patience, and feel free to ask me or your grade level administrator questions. I may not know at the time, but I will work on an answer for you. We have a great year ahead as we continue on our journey towards McCluer Comet Excellence!

Yours Truly,

Dr. Cedric Gerald, McCluer High School Principal