

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to share the news of our district's accountability grades for 2016-17. I am pleased to let you know that thanks to you, our teachers and staffs, and our students, NASD grades showed overall improvement. Because children are our most precious gifts from God, we have a responsibility to encourage them to be the best they can be and to take advantage of their many opportunities. With that thought in mind, I am so very grateful for the hard work and dedication that you invest in your child's education; your investment is such an integral part of any success that the district experiences.

Included below is NASD's Accountability Snapshot of our schools. First shown, are schools that improved:

<b>School</b>	<b>2015-16 Grade</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Points Increased</b>
McLaurin	C	B	64
West	F	C	66
Freshman Academy	F	C	97
Natchez High	F	C	97

The grades of the following schools remained the same between 2015-16 and 2016-17:

<b>School</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Frazier	D
Robert Lewis Middle	D
NECA	B
Morgantown	F

While this snapshot shows our progress, it is also a reminder that we must continue, as well as improve, our efforts toward academic proficiency. The overall district grade improved from F to D; however, we are determined to strive toward obtaining grade A. We can be proud that three of our schools' grades progressed from F to C and that McLaurin's grade improved from C to B. It is also noteworthy that no school's grade decreased. Unfortunately, Morgantown did not progress above an F; however, with the new administrative team in place, a staff that's 95% certified, and a reorganization of scheduling, we assure you that our expectation is that Morgantown will progress beyond an F.

Again, thank you for your support and for working diligently with your child and with her/his teachers to achieve academic success. We ask you to continue to assist us by encouraging students to be the very best they can be in pursuit of academic excellence. We also ask that you voice the progress that we are making so that everyone knows that together we are working toward and achieving growth. Our children are improving!

Yours truly,



Fred T. Butcher, Superintendent