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Good afternoon,

Board Goals Increase Academic Achievement and Attract and Retain Stakeholders

The superintendent reports today that all schools are off to a fantastic start. The Maintenance and Operations team did a fantastic job getting all facilities ready for the first day of school. Schools were clean and freshly painted where needed. Our technology team did an amazing job getting our 100 interactive boards installed. The first report is that teachers are very excited about having this technology in their classrooms to augment and amplify their instruction. We started putting the new technology in our core classes at the secondary level. We have 300 more boards on the way for the core classes at the elementary level. It will then be a process of getting the new shipment installed in our core classes at the elementary level. Our intention is to request additional boards for our other classrooms when we complete this second phase of implementation. Ultimately we want TPSD to be recognized as a leader in technological tools to assist teachers as they teach our children. This interactive board initiative fits in with our board goal to attract and retain stakeholders. It also fits in with our board goal to raise academic achievement scores for all students. There is strong evidence to suggest that interactive technology in the classrooms increases academic achievement. We appreciate the hard work of our technology department.

Board Goals Safe and Secure Schools, Increase Academic Achievement, and Attract and Retain Stakeholders

Our security team has been conducting active shooter trainings with the staff at schools this week. There have been many other trainings at all of our schools. We have had curriculum training, instructional and assessment trainings, Safe and Civil School Trainings, positive culture trainings, and mandatory state trainings throughout the district as we prepared for the start of school. Our staff development plans have been focused on articulated needs from our principals. The Tupelo Public School District provides excellent and comprehensive staff development opportunities for our instructional team which encourages teachers to want to work in the greatest school district in the State of Mississippi.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have an excellent administrative support team. We have excellent teachers and beautiful children. This is a great day to teach and learn in Tupelo.

This concludes the superintendent Report.

Thank you.