

Hamilton County Department of Education  
Work Session  
August 17, 2023 4:30 PM  
3074 Hickory Valley Road  
Chattanooga, TN 37421

I. Call to Order

II. Delegations

A. Lori Cleveland, speaking in support of the MOU between Hamilton County Schools and Hamilton County Education Association

III. Presentation(s)

A. HCS EdConnect Yearly Update

IV. Committee Chair Updates

V. Discussion of the Board Meeting Agenda

VI. Adjourn

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**PRESENTATION**

**TO:** Hamilton County Board of Education  
Dr. Justin Robertson, Superintendent

**FROM:** Shannon Moody, Chief Strategy Officer

**DATE:** Aug 17, 2023

**RE:** Annual HCS EdConnect Update Presentation from HCS, EPB, and The Enterprise Center

The HCS EdConnect implementation team will be presenting an annual program update to the Board of Education. The presenters will include Superintendent Dr. Justin Robertson, Deb Socia (CEO, The Enterprise Center), Geoff Millener (COO, The Enterprise Center), and Evann Freeman (Director of Government Relations, EPB).

As a part of our district Strategic Plan, *Opportunity 2030*, our community and Board articulated a belief that the school district and our community are responsible for removing barriers to student success. This belief was a driver to our district commitment of Every Community Served. HCS EdConnect, going into its 4<sup>th</sup> year, is a transformational public-private partnership that has served almost 17,000 students and 28,000 families with economic need to-date by connecting them to free, high-speed WIFI at home. In 21<sup>st</sup> century classrooms, WIFI is a necessity for students to engage in learning beyond the school walls and for families to connect with teachers and school staff.

This presentation will include enrollment and status updates for HCS EdConnect, research provided by Boston College about the impact of the program on our community, and next steps for continued outreach to students and families. EPB, The Enterprise Center, and Hamilton County Schools will continue to work together to serve our community through the HCS EdConnect program for years to come.