

**Baldwyn Public Schools**

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**“Baldwyn Schools expresses gratitude toward APMM”**

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Baldwyn Schools’ administration extended its welcome and opened its doors to the APMM (Auto Parts Manufacturing Mississippi) administration of Baldwin on Thursday, April 28, 2016.

Superintendent Jason McKay presented a summation of success for the school district as a whole in academics, extra-curricular activities, and athletics. Then the school administration provided a tour of each of the Baldwin High School, Baldwin Middle School, and Baldwin Elementary Schools led by the respective staff: BHS Principal Jeff Palmer, BMS Principal Danny Ramsey, and BES Principal Rickey Weaver.

“We want to say thank you to the APMM staff and company for the support they have offered our schools throughout the years since its opening. We are very proud of our accomplishments and goals we have set and met here at Baldwin Schools,” Superintendent McKay stated.

“We also want to develop a working relationship with the manufacturing industry to prepare our administration and staff so we can help our students to be career ready.”

APMM’s Tsuyoshi Sugiura, General Manager Administration; Masaaki Fujii Corporate Advisor (Former APMM President); Kimihiro Yonezawa President; Katsuaki Nasu Assistant General Manager Administration; General Manager Manufacturing Kim Crumbie, and Assistant Manager Human Resources Kebebe Wilson were in attendance to view a presentation of the success of Baldwin Schools.

Currently, Baldwin Schools enrolls 831 students with the following accomplishments:

- 2 NBCT speech therapists and 1 NBCT counselor at BES
- 1 NBCT speech therapist, 1 NBCT teacher, and 1 NBCT counselor at BMS
- 1 NBCT teacher and 1 NBCT speech therapist at BHS
- BES 3<sup>rd</sup> grade ELA average score of 731 (+2 above state average)
- BES 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math average score of 740 (+4 above state average)
- BES 4<sup>th</sup> grade ELA average score of 734 (+1 above state average)
- BES 4<sup>th</sup> grade math average score of 741 (+8 above state average)
- BES 4<sup>th</sup> grade math placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the state for PARCC assessment
- BES 3<sup>rd</sup> grade MKAS 93% success rate, top 10% in state (2014-2015)
- BES 3<sup>rd</sup> grade MKAS 98.5% success rate (2015-2016)
- BMS 5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA average score 736 (+4 above state average)
- BMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA average score 737 (+4 above state average)
- BMS 5<sup>th</sup> grade science average score 155 (+3 above state average)
- BHS U.S. History average score 652 (+4 above state average)
- BHS English II average score 762, 9<sup>th</sup> in the state (+17 above state average)
- BHS graduation rate 83.2% (2014-2015)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant provides after-school tutoring services K-12
- 2015 Football Division 1-2A Champions & North Half finalists
- 2015-16 Boys Basketball Division 1-2A Champions & State Tournament Semi-Finalist
- 2015-16 Girls Basketball Division 1-2A Runner Ups & State Tournament participants
- 2016 Golf District Champions
- 2016 Tennis District Champions & State Tournament participants
- 43 students enrolled in vocational-education

- 2015-16 Excellent Rated Band & State Competition finalists
- 2015-16 Superior Rated Chorus & All State Honor Choir participants
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award winners
- DECA District & State Award Winners, International participants
- BMS Regional Science Fair winners
- Northeast Regional Math Tournament participants

During the onsite tour of the three campuses, the APMM staff was able to observe the schools' classroom facilities, greenhouse, agriculture shop, fine arts facilities, future expansion areas, student data collection charts, technology equipment, student reward systems, and also visit with some of the kindergarten students.

"Toyota has raised the standard of excellence for our community. We want to take advantage of this opportunity to learn and grow for the future of our community's success through our students," McKay noted.

"We have an open ear and open mind and are flexible to making our school's curriculum college and career ready for our students."

APMM's Crumie commended the school administration on their efforts to have parental and community involvement in an all-around sense of academics, extra-curricular activities, and athletics.

Representative Jerry Turner, Senator J.P. Wilemon, and Senator Chad McMahan were also in attendance for the presentation and tour.

Representative Turner extended his support for Baldwyn Schools adding vocational curriculum to its students due to the high state percentage of adults having to gain employment through temp-services due to their lack of training certifications and education.

"Vocational-education training can help workers gain self-confidence and help them continue to contribute to the cycle of life in a company and community. The more opportunities to train young people prior to looking for a career, the better we can enrich our futures for the workforce and communities,"

Representative Turner stated.

APMM's Wilson expressed appreciation toward Baldwyn Schools' efforts to want to help their students be college and career ready.

"Today really helps us as a company see how we can change internally and how we can partner with the school or other areas of the community to better the future of our company and community," Wilson noted.