

CHILDREN FIRST

By Dixie District School Superintendent – Mike Thomas

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Congratulations to our Dixie County students for their educational success during the past school year. Thanks to parents, staff, and administration for their commitment to make sure our children receive the best education available.

Congratulations to the 109 graduates of the Dixie County High School Class of 2017. This is a time for your celebration, reflection, and a time to look ahead. I am proud of this accomplishment for you and wish you all a bright future.

Dixie District Schools had several employees to reach a milestone in their careers this year. The following were recognized for their years of service and upcoming retirement during a Staff Appreciation Luncheon on May 30. George Anderson (16 years), Pat Arcadi (22 years), Earnestine Osteen (24 years), Linda Liles (29 years), Karen Sapp (29 years), Anna Allen (30 years), Jean Driggers (30 years), and Susan Crise (33 years). I wish these employees well as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

Governor Scott signed an \$8.9 million bill to complete the new Dixie County High School. We appreciate the dedication of Senator Bradley and Representative Clemons for their work in helping secure these funds for our District. Immediate progress will begin and the new school is scheduled to open in August of 2018.

Dixie District Schools has been recognized as a Florida Healthy School District for the period of May, 2017 through April, 2019. The assessment is based on sustainable infrastructure, policy, programs, and practices identified from national and state guidelines, best practices, and Florida statutes.

Summer is a busy time for our school district. Principals are reviewing test data to determine appropriate staff placement for the new school year. They are also updating the Code of Conduct and Pupil Progression Plans for their schools. Staff is working at all schools to improve facilities and we thank Warden Milton Hicks of Cross City Correctional Institution for providing inmate labor, which saves our school system thousands of dollars. School staff is working to schedule students, inventory all property items, complete bus and maintenance repairs, upgrade technology, preparing state financial reports, and many other vital projects that affect our students and staff when they return to school in August.

I would like to encourage parents to continue providing opportunities for reading and other educational activities during the summer. The local public library provides free summer learning programs, along with a wide array of books to check out.

For current information about our schools, visit the Dixie District Schools website at www.dixie.k12.fl.us.



Twelve DCHS seniors received their Associates Degree and two completed EMT certifications from Florida Gateway College through dual enrollment before graduating from high school.