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It's Back to School Time!

TAX FREE WEEKENDS

As summer comes to an end, gears are shifting throughout the city in preparation for back to school. In preparation for back to school shopping, here are the tax free weekend dates for the mid south:

Tennessee: July 28th - July 30th

Mississippi: July 28th - July 30th

Arkansas: August 5th - August 6th

SCHOOL START DATES

Back to school dates for local school districts vary across the Mid-south. Provided below is a list of all the start dates for Memphis and Shelby County area public school districts.

August 7th - Memphis-Shelby County Schools, Arlington Community Schools, Bartlett City Schools, Lakeland School System, Millington Municipal Schools

The commercial appeal has compiled a list of start dates for local school districts as well as charter schools. A full list of school start dates can be viewed on the [Commercial Appeal's](#) webpage.

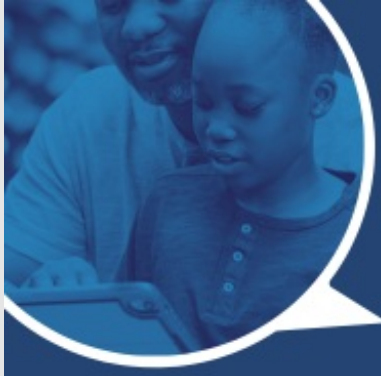


MSCS Superintendent Search Update

Mauricio Calvo was chosen to serve as an interim Memphis school board member, filling the role of former Vice Chair Sheleah Harris who abruptly resigned from the Memphis Shelby County Schools board last month. The Shelby County Commission made the selection at a meeting on Monday, July 17, 2023. Calvo, CEO of Latino Memphis, won by a four-vote margin.

Calvo previously served on the board of the Downtown Memphis Commission, and has run for a seat on the MSCS board and Memphis City Council. He has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Marketing from Christian Brothers University and a masters in Leadership and Public Service from Lipscomb University.

Calvo's appointment is effective immediately. He will serve the remainder of Harris's term and can seek election during the 2024 election cycle. As part of his appointment, Calvo will be involved in choosing the next superintendent.



Parent Resources

Back To School Vaccinations

Back to school also means vaccinations and immunizations. The Shelby County Health Department has teamed up with community partners, including Memphis-Shelby County Schools, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, UT Health Science Center, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Latino Memphis, ShotRx, and MATA to provide immunizations needed for school entry at the Memphis-Shelby County Schools Teaching and Learning Academy, 2485 Union Avenue, on three upcoming dates:

- Saturday, July 29, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 5, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 30, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Vaccinations will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents are encouraged to bring their child's insurance card and vaccination records with them, but if they cannot locate records, they will be provided. Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) will offer free bus passes to assist families with transportation costs. And Spanish interpretation will be available at each event.

Additional free immunization events this summer:

- Saturday, July 29, 2023 – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
All ages – Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church – 70 N. Bellevue

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