



**TO:** Board of Education and Principals  
**FROM:** Michelle Baumstark  
**SUBJECT:** Board of Education Site Visits for 2023-24

In December 1994, the Board of Education voted to implement several strategies for improving communication between the Board and patrons of Columbia Public Schools. To learn more about the programs, activities, and concerns of the faculty, staff, parents, and students at individual school buildings, the board developed a formal scheme for visiting schools.

Board members have been assigned the following groups of schools for visits during the 2023-24 school year.

**Blake Willoughby**

Group 1: Shepard Boulevard, Fairview, Ridgeway, Gentry, Bethel Street Center (Quest South Program & Preschool classrooms)

**Jeanne Snodgrass**

Group 2: Paxton Keeley, Eliot Battle, Midway Heights, West Middle, Rock Bridge High School, Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) at Discovery Center & ECSE at Center for Early Learning - North

**Suzette Waters**

Group 3: Alpha Hart Lewis, Parkade, Russell Boulevard, Lange, Eugene Field Center (Elementary Gifted & Future Health Center), Park Avenue Preschool/Head Start

**April Ferrao**

Group 4: Cedar Ridge, West Boulevard, Rock Bridge Elementary, Jefferson STEAM, Douglass, Roseta Avenue Center (Quest East Program, Health Services and District Support Offices)

**Paul Harper**

Group 5: Mill Creek, Derby Ridge, New Haven, Smithton, Hickman, Center for Early Learning - North (PAT & Preschool)

**Karen Hayes**

Group 6: Blue Ridge, Grant, Two Mile Prairie, Oakland, Battle High School, ACE (Located at Boys & Girls Club)

**John Lyman**

Group 7: Benton STEM, Beulah Ralph, Locust Street Expressive Arts, John Warner, Career Center (high school, adult & community programs)

In subsequent academic years, board members will rotate through the seven school groups—either advancing one number, or moving from Group 7 to Group 1. New board members will be inserted in the rotation.

Please expect the board member who has been assigned to your school to be in touch with you. Board members want to schedule visits that will be convenient to school personnel. Their goal is to learn more through special site visits. Their efforts in this formalized scheme do not preclude visits to other schools.

It will be useful, for this activity, to keep the board member assigned to your school informed of events and programs, student recognitions, staff activities, and other appropriate issues. Please add your assigned board member to your school newsletter list. Additionally, board member contact information is available here: <http://www.cpsk12.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=106>.

c: Board of Education Members  
Administrative Cabinet