

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Hazelwood School District is blazing the trail in technology

The Hazelwood School District's technology department recently rolled out a five year comprehensive technology plan. The district consulted with the Center for Educational Learning and Technology (CELT) in the 2012-2013 school year. Which laid the foundation for the plan. As a result, many of CELT's findings were implemented over the last five years.

"As we prepare our students to be college, career, and life ready, the district must continue to provide a technological platform that encourages and embraces the use of various technologies, said Dave McCorkle, chief information officer. "Our five-year technology plan provides the framework for how we approach this huge undertaking."

The comprehensive plan outlines the district's commitment to the Hazelwood 1:1 initiative, professional development strategies, and the capital outlay schedule required to support the

21st century learning environment. The necessary steps to effectively support the Hazelwood 1:1 initiative are:

- Increase number of computer technicians to handle maintenance demands.
- Increase number of certified network analysts to maintain the administrative support functions and educational applications required.
- Commit to five-year capital outlay plan.

"Under the district's new strategic plan, one of our key priorities is to provide more technology opportunities for our students and teachers, said Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart, superintendent of schools. "The Hazelwood School District is blazing the trail in K-12 technology. We want to continue expanding to a technological district that integrates the use of technology in all aspects of our district's quest to improve teaching and learning for all students."

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## Longtime volunteer appointed to Special School District Board of Education

Curtis Faulkner, a longtime volunteer of the Hazelwood School District, was recently appointed to the Special School District Board of Education.

Faulkner has served on many different committees including, budgeting, redistricting, public relations and strategic planning. He has been an active volunteer for 19 years.

In 1976, Faulkner started C. Faulkner and Associates Promotional Agency, managing nationally acclaimed jazz artist and presenting their performances in Texas, Louisiana and later Missouri. In 1984, he became a social entrepreneur as the founding Executive Director and CEO of the Juneteenth Heritage & Jazz Festival Inc., a federally registered 501-c-3 heritage and cultural preservation and event productions organization.

Faulkner currently serves as the national chairman of tourism for the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation. He received a "Lifetime Achievement" award in 2006 by the foundation and the Congressional Black Caucus for his work in promoting the awareness and values of Juneteenth nationwide.

In 2016, he started the Dred Scott Advocates of Justice, and Equity a Missouri registered Political Action Committee (PAC) and currently serves as chief advocate for establishing a community revitalization plan for North County.

"Mr. Curtis Faulkner has been instrumental in helping the District build coalitions and capacity within the Community," said Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart, superintendent of schools. "He will be an even greater asset to the Special School District Board of Education and to our community."



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## Free transportation for new Hazelwood East Middle School students

The Hazelwood School District Board of Education recently approved plans to provide transportation for students at Hazelwood East Middle School Eighth Grade Center for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Hazelwood East Middle School is designed to offer eighth-grade students an opportunity to pursue a career pathway of interest either under a traditional pathway model or an accelerated model. The program provides opportunities in broadcasting, health sciences, information technology, and coding. Each opportunity is specific to the students' needs in pursuing a college degree or a career in one of the high demand fields after graduation.

The program will also offer college credit to students through advanced placement, dual

credit, and/or dual enrollment courses. Students on the accelerated pathway may choose to graduate early or pursue an associate's degree in general studies.

"At Hazelwood East Middle School we are responding to a new type of student and a new type of world," said Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart, superintendent of schools. We have students who are bright, and they need access to diverse courses making them more college, career, and life ready."

The program is still accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. There are still a few slots available. For more information about the program at Hazelwood East Middle School or to apply, please visit [www.hazelwoodschoo.ls.org/eastmiddleapp](http://www.hazelwoodschoo.ls.org/eastmiddleapp) or call 314-953-7337.

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## Hazelwood teacher selected for Missouri Regional Teacher of the Year award

Hazelwood School District's Teacher of the Year Scott Borcharding was recently selected as one of 10 awardees for the Missouri Regional Teacher of the Year for the St. Louis region. He was chosen by his peers as a teacher of excellence and selected by an elite panel of educators for one of the most prestigious honors in the educational profession.

He has now qualified to move forward in the Missouri State Teacher of the Year process.

"Congratulations to Mr. Borcharding on this great accomplishment. He has had an amazing year full of much deserved recognition. We are very proud of him and wish him well at the regional and state levels." Said Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart, Hazelwood School District superintendent.

He has also been named, Mathematics



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Educators of Greater St. Louis (MEGSL) Teacher of the Year and Suburban 12 North Conference Coach of the Year in girl's tennis.

Borcharding is a math teacher at Hazelwood West High School and has been with the district for 12 years.