

## Timeline Highlights

2007 – 2008 New Era of Schools Campaign is planned and implemented; Magnet schools concept is adopted for implementation

2008 – 2009 Instructional specialists begin work, district-wide extended learning and dropout prevention programs commence; magnet school lottery is conducted

2009 – 2010 Elementary magnet school programs & Middle school magnet academies are in place; Formal planning for a new middle school begins

2010 – 2011 Construction of new middle school or major renovations to existing middle schools begin

2011 – 2012 Bobo Building renovations and athletic complex changes are in process; Pre-K is implemented

2012 – 2013 New middle school or middle school renovations are completed

2013 – 2014 New Era Plan is fully implemented; Assessment/evaluation of New Era Plan is completed

## Education in

### *A New Era of Schools*

The Clarksdale Municipal School District invites you to join in and support its new plan for the overall improvement of our schools. This comprehensive plan spanning a period of 7 years will guide our schools as we look to the future.

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## THE VISION OF OUR FUTURE “A NEW ERA OF SCHOOLS”



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## Mission Statement\*

The Clarksdale Municipal School District holds as its mission the provision of quality programs and services so as to ensure our students are afforded safe surroundings, highly qualified staff, and exposure to essential skills that will equip them to be successful in school and beyond.

*\*Adopted Feb. 2008  
by CMSD Board of Trustees*

## Guiding State Initiatives

Execute comprehensive dropout prevention efforts

Increase the rigor of the curriculum

Increase the quantity and quality of teachers and school leaders

Create a culture in MS that understands the value of education

Redesign education for the 21st Century workforce in MS

## The Look of a New Era of Schools

### Academic Programs

- ⇒ Pre-kindergarten
- ⇒ Magnet schools in K-5
- ⇒ Magnet academies in 6-8
- ⇒ Foreign languages
- ⇒ Expanded fine arts
- ⇒ Distance learning opportunities
- ⇒ Evening high school

### Academic Focuses

- ⇒ Instructional Specialists
- ⇒ A highly trained staff of teaching professionals
- ⇒ State of the art school facilities
- ⇒ A new middle school
- ⇒ A new multi-use sportsplex
- ⇒ Extended learning opportunities at every level
- ⇒ An individual assessment program

## Guiding Federal Initiatives

**No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) -**  
President Bush's centerpiece for education

**Individuals With Disabilities Education Act-** The federal mandate requiring schools to serve students with disabilities from age 3 to 21

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