



# JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Blue Ridge Education Foundation Members, Board, and Officers:

Thank you for the partnership and vision we share to assist all students in becoming well rounded, academically successful life-long learners. The Foundation has provided a wealth of resources for Blue Ridge School PK-13 during my tenure in Jackson County as your Associate Superintendent and Superintendent. These resources include funding, time, visioning, mentoring and tutoring. The manner in which the Foundation is integrated into the school day is commendable. Valuable relationships have been formed with students and the community.

Students benefit daily from the 1-to-1 devices the Foundation provides to ensure Blue Ridge School is one to two years ahead of the District rollout. The field trips and instructional materials has opened the worldview for many of our students. Your support of STEM and STEAM programs is highlighted through robotics, music and art programs, science materials, microscopes, innovative science and math equipment, and an innovative reading and tutorial program. Early childhood education and reaching third grade reading proficiency go hand in hand. We appreciate your support of early intervention with students in the areas of reading and mathematics.

Jackson County Public Schools is truly fortunate to have dedicated Foundation members to assist us with marketing and recruitment for the district. A small system has gained great support and resources through the Foundation's professional expertise in their membership.

On behalf of the Jackson County Board of Education, I would like to personally commend and appreciate each member of the Blue Ridge Education Foundation. A thank you seems inadequate for the numerous hours you invest in Blue Ridge School, Blue Ridge Early College and the community.

As the Superintendent of one of the best school systems in the nation, I am truly grateful for your friendship, support and assistance. I value our relationship and partnership.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kimberly Elliott