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New District Police Station Opens for Safety, Community Outreach



Duncanville ISD's new police station is officially open. District leaders invited staff, trustees and members of the community to celebrate the milestone with a ribbon cutting.

The new police station is located at 802 S. Main Street in Duncanville in a renovated building that was once the district's administration building. The Board of Trustees approved the renovation and repurposed use of the building last year.

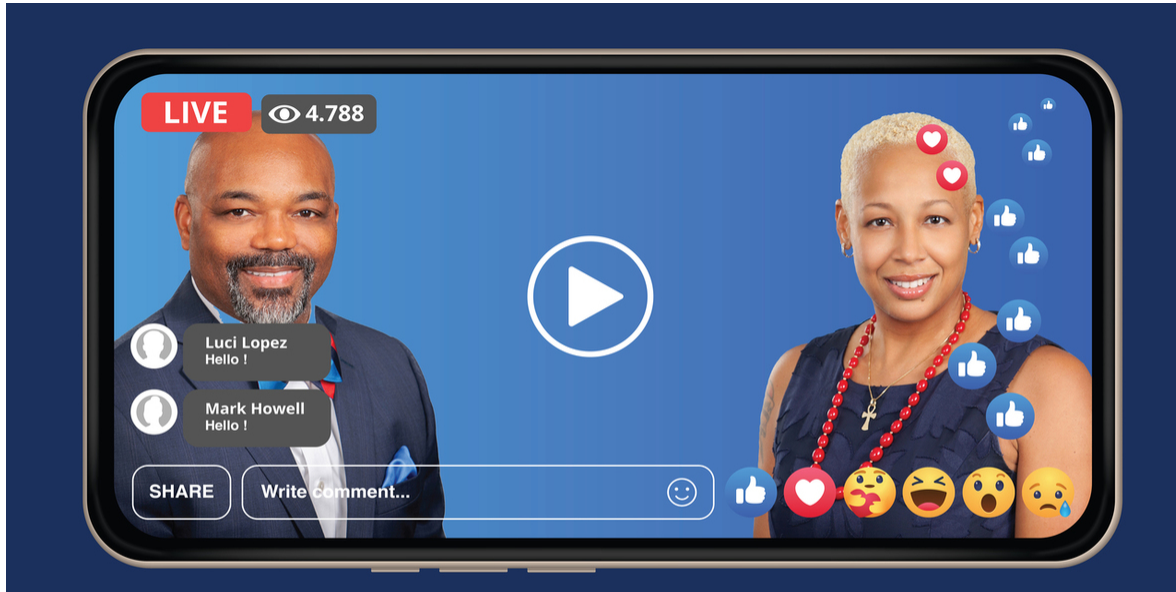
Duncanville ISD Superintendent Dr. Marc Smith said it was clear the district needed its own police department, and now the growing staff has a designated place to work.

"When you think about the increased safety around our schools, the increased constant presence that our police department has in our schools and the improved response time our campus administrators have seen, it's been a huge success for us."

The district police department began in 2018 with the hiring of Chief Chavella Hampton and has developed into an agency that employs both sworn officers and non-sworn security staff.

To see photos from the event, click [here](#).

Join Superintendent, Board President for Virtual Town Hall



Virtual Town Hall

Save the date - February 11 - on your calendar to join Duncanville ISD Superintendent Dr. Marc Smith and School Board President Cassandra Phillips for a virtual town hall. At 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, tune into the Duncanville ISD Facebook page to participate.

To guide the discussion, you can share your thoughts and questions in advance using the ThoughtExchange platform, which also allows you to provide star ratings for comments shared by others. Click [here](#) to submit questions, thoughts and feedback.

See you next week for the Duncanville ISD Virtual Town Hall on Facebook Live.

Always a Panther: Alumna Pursues Passion for Corporate Law

Amy Lott has fond memories of her time as a student at Duncanville High School.

She was a cheerleader, took media technology classes and participated in student council. Her favorite educator was English teacher, Doris Whitley.

"She always encouraged me to write," Amy said.



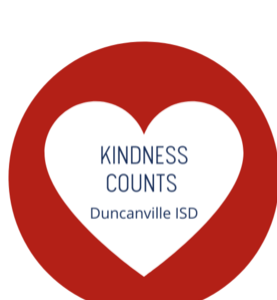
Amy graduated high school in 1998, and she and Mrs. Whitley kept in touch through the years. About 10 years ago, Mrs. Whitley invited Amy to her birthday party at what Amy described as a 'swanky place' in downtown Dallas.

"She had a huge celebration and there's a picture of the two of us dancing together," Amy said. "I [later] invited her to my baby shower. She's just a fabulous human being."

Amy's family has lived in Duncanville for many years and has deep ties to both the city and the district.

Read [more](#).

Counseling Corner: Counselors Share Breathing Techniquet Families Can Use to Calm Students



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We also want to share breathing strategies to help your child regulate emotions at home.

Click [here](#) to read more in the February newsletter written especially for you.

Upcoming Events:

District Professional Development, Monday, Feb. 15, no classes

Duncanville ISD Board of Trustees Meeting, on Monday, Feb. 22, begins at 6:30 p.m. and goes into executive session at the Duncanville ISD Education Plaza, 710 S. Cedar Ridge Rd., Duncanville. The public portion of the meeting resumes around 7:00 p.m.



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