

KidScoop News: Superintendent's Corner **(September 2019)**

Greetings Newton-Conover City Schools' students and welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!!! I hope that each of you had a great summer and are excited about getting a new school year underway. Our staff have been working hard this summer preparing for this school year. We do this so we can help you grow not only as students but also as people.

As we go into this school year, I want to challenge each of you to not only listen to instruction you are going to receive but also to put what you learn into practice. I heard a story one time about a little girl named Sally who liked to play outside. On days she wasn't in school, she would leave her house after breakfast and often play outside until dinner time. She always came home as soon as her mother yelled out for her. One day however, the girl did not come home right away because she was playing a fun game with her friends. When her mother called her by her full name, she knew she needed to get home. When she got back home and her mother questioned her as to why she didn't come home when she was called for the first time and Sally replied, "My ears heard, but my legs didn't".

This is a problem that a lot of us deal with. We hear instructions and have the knowledge to perform the task but we just don't get it done. There is a listen to with no follow through. In the upcoming school year, don't let the last sentence describe you. For Newton-Conover City Schools to be successful and work, you as the student have to work. As a school system we will only be successful if our students are successful. Our vision in Newton-Conover is to "Innovate. Inspire. Succeed". The people we hope to be innovative for, inspire, and help succeed is our students. Everything we do as a school system is aimed at preparing each of you to be successful in something much bigger than school: LIFE.

Students, the canvas of the 2019-2020 school year is completely blank and waiting on you to paint a picture. Paint wisely, as you will never get this school year back once it is gone. As your superintendent, I want you to know that you are my primary focus. If you need me for anything or can tell me how this school system can better meet your needs, send me an email at: aron.gabriel@n-ccs.org

