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EBR Schools to Host Convocation for All Employees at Southern University

BATON ROUGE, La. – The East Baton Rouge Parish School System will officially launch the 2026-27 school year with a convocation from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the F.G. Clark Activity Center on the campus of Southern University.

The event will bring together all employees for a morning of celebration, inspiration and renewed purpose as they prepare to welcome students back to school on Aug. 6.

This year's theme, "No Turning Back," reflects the district's continued commitment to excellence and the momentum built through academic growth, innovation and a shared focus on student success.

"As we begin a new school year, we do so with confidence, courage and an unwavering commitment to ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed," said Superintendent LaMont Cole. "There is no turning back from the progress we've made, and our best days are still ahead."

The convocation will feature remarks from Cole, Mayor-President Sid Edwards, School Board President Shashonnie Steward and Vice President Cliff Lewis, along with performances by EBR Schools employee musicians and the district's acclaimed high school marching bands. Employees will also enjoy interactive activities, games and prize giveaways throughout the program.

Local and state elected officials, community partners and other distinguished guests have been invited to join the celebration.

The annual convocation serves as both a celebration of the district's accomplishments and a rallying point for the work ahead. District leaders will recognize the dedication of all employees while reinforcing the shared mission of providing every student with a high-quality education.

The event is not open to the public.

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