

EDITOR'S PICK

City superintendent discusses literacy program with city council

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Boykins-Everett



THOMASVILLE — Thomasville City Schools Superintendent Sabrina Boykins-Everett discussed with city officials Wednesday the early steps of learning to read.

Boykins-Everett presented Footsteps2Brilliance to Thomasville City Council members, pointing out the program's status of being the first in the state will focus attention on the city.

The literacy-focused program is a birth to third grade initiative, according to Boykins-Everett.

Boykins-Everett said the program would empower parents by subduing barriers of economic status and education level.

Accessibility of the program also was addressed.

"Anyone that lives within a 10-mile radius of the 31792 zip code will have access," Boykins-Everett said.

The city's top educator also discussed how to enroll in the program and her plans for promoting the program within the community after her retirement.

The program conducted a soft launch in January and a full launch is scheduled for March.

Approved by the school board in December, a \$500,000 grant and \$180,000 in education special purpose local option sales tax (ESPLOST) funds sealed a five-year contract for the program, Boykins-Everett said.

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