

The “root cause” of the long Decline and Failures in CCS Schools’ Educational Standings!! Is the CCS School Board!!! Especially Joel Shores and Aaron Bridges

Folks, remember back in January, 2025 when President Donald J. Trump was going through his Presidential Inauguration “Process?” Which included a service at a Washington, DC Church delivered by Bishop Marianne Edgar Budde? However: many People of God, Including Rev. Franklin Graham of NC, have been very, very critical of Bishop Budde’s foolish statements made regarding Newly Elected President Trump. From **Robert A’s** prospective, the comment below was the best comment regarding Bishop Budde. Best because it directly relates to Government entities everywhere in the USA. And, especially right here in Cleveland County, NC:

“The cause of America’s decline was not what was sitting in the pew (Trump), but what was standing behind the pulpit (Bishop Budde). What we heard today was not a prophetic voice from the church, but rather pathetic.” By Tony Perkin, President of the Family Research Council.

Robert A has often **PARAPHRASED** this statement by imploring the Citizens and taxpayers of Cleveland County to **“go look in the mirror”** to determine why the governmental entities in Cleveland County have become so corrupted and lie to the people so often and lie about so many issues. From County Budgets, Property Taxes, Sales Taxes, the New Justice Center Project and the CC financial standings amongst so many other

things.

Editor's Note: Included in this article is an analysis regarding the March 10, 2025 CCS School Board Meeting. Which was packed with errors, mistakes, lies and an evil display of corruption on many levels about many things. Only, this time, we will go to the very end of the meeting and work our way back to the start of the meeting. And all the high-handed and low-down lies, deceptions and omissions in between. And, then there were the "protesters!!!

Perhaps one of the more sinister aspect of the "New" CCS School Board under CCS School Board Chairman Joel Shores' "unholy" regime is the very last thing on the School Board Meeting Agenda-The "School Board Member **Comments**." Chairman Joel Shores has arranged the seating of the School Board members and always begins the "Comments" that begins with his buddy Ron Humphries on Shores right side, on down that line and then back up the other side. Always making sure that, Vice-Chairman Aaron Bridges and then Chairman Joel Shores have the LAST words. ***It is an old and dirty trick.*** (Especially since there were an overly large group of **"Protesters"** in the audience who had stayed all the way through the usually boring CCS School Board meetings to the very end.

At this particular March 10, 2025 School Board Meeting, there were an unusually large contingent in the Audience that had sat silently through the entire meeting until the **Public Participation** part of the meeting came up. Then there was an unusually large number of speakers that had signed up to speak. Mostly all about the same subject-The **"Activism Club"** at Shelby High School and how their Constitutional Rights had been violated by Cleveland County Schools and the CSS School Board. Which had resulted in a Federal Lawsuit that was filed February 5, 2025 against CCS Superintendent Stephen Fisher in both his Official Capacity as well as personally. And All of the CCS School Board Members in their Official capacity. A Federal Lawsuit that has **illegally** been covered-up

by CCS and the CCS School Board.

When each of the Public Participation Speakers finished speaking, these **Protesters** “clapped” long and hard as their single mode of protest. Totally shutting down CCS School Board Chairman Joel Shores from taking any adverse actions against them. Which was 1,000% a “smart” thing to do, as any adverse action for “clapping” would have required Chairman Joel Shores to have to take adverse actions every time somebody would “clap” when a student athlete, or a whole sports team, had won an award and was recognized by the CCS School Board.

Note that these “Protesters” had used the same MO and tactics as the recent Peaceful Protesters (Sponsored by the Shelby Women for Progress and the Shelby Pride groups) had used on the Uptown Shelby “Old” Courthouse (Scruggs Center) just a few weeks earlier. An event that Robert A attended. Not in support of the particular issues of their Peaceful Protest, but in support of their right to protest. And that there were OTHER things that Needed Protesting. Like the Failures at Cleveland County Schools. Robert A is not claiming that he had anything to do with the “Protest” at the March 10, 2025 CCS School Board Meeting. But Robert A did, in fact, make such suggestions and supports the continuation of such protests until the CCS School Board takes the actions necessary to make the needed changes at CCS. (Which is unlikely until the voters of Cleveland County finally get their act together.)

Now, back to the **END** of the March 10, 2025 CCS School Board Meeting, and the buffoon (As in Clown) impersonators: Aaron Bridges and Joel Shores.

When it comes to Aaron Bridges’ time to speak, Bridges went-off like a 100% Genuine Fool. Aaron Bridges, the Turncoat Coward and a well-known liar with alleged “zipper problems” who switched sides in the selection of a new School Board Chairman (Joel Shores) earlier this year in exchange for making him the Vice-Chairman and perhaps other secret

enticements, came out ranting and raving about how certain unnamed bad people were blaming the CCS teachers for all the bad student test scores. How this was just so unfair to blame the teachers and that the bad people's **negative statements** on Facebook and other report (like **Robert A and the Peaceful Protestors**) were the ones responsible for all of CCS's educational failures.

Then, CCS Chairman Joel Shores picked up on the Aaron Bridges foolish diatribe; saying it was his experience that **"Negatives begets Negatives and Positives beget Positives."** Clearly unaware that, by all Management Accounts, identifying problems is always the first act of correcting problems. And, that by ALL Professional Accounts, it is **ALWAYS the fault of bad management/leadership** when any organization fails to meet the realistic goals and responsibilities assigned to that organization.

Then, the March 10, 2025 CCS School Board Meeting was adjourned.

And, **Robert A** decided to wait until the CCS School Board decided to do their usual Damage Control **via a phony Press Release to the Shelby Star. Which just came out on March 16, 2025, titled These Shelby-area Schools are considered low performance, according to recent state data.** Written by Star Reporter Rebecca Sitzes and can be found at the following link:

<https://www.shelbystar.com/story/news/2025/03/16/low-performing-schools-in-shelby-nc/82359782007//>

Also, **the nine failing schools** were identified in the Shelby Star article as noted below: (Note that the almost failing schools are not clearly listed in the Shelby Star article.).

- Burns Middle: D
- Crest Middle: D
- Elizabeth Elementary: D

- Fallston Elementary: D
- James Love Elementary: D
- Kings Mountain Middle: D
- Shelby Middle: D
- Township Three Elementary: D
- Washington Elementary: F

Now folks, this is about all the info you voters and taxpayers can handle all at one time. Chew on and stew over this information awhile and Robert A will finish his report on the March 10, 2025 CCS School Board Meeting in another article(s). Remember that this report was about the END of the March 10, 2025 School Board Meeting. The first parts of that meeting will also prove the salient point-That the problems at CCS are the result of a bad set of CCS School Board Majority Members:

- **Joel Shores**
- **Aaron Bridges**
- **Ron Humphries**
- **Walter Scott Spurling**
- **Gloria Sherman**

All of which should resign immediately!!!

Stay Tuned folks, the rest of this story will provide proof positive that these five renegade CCS School Board members are financially irresponsible and are a total disengagement with what Cleveland County voters and CC Taxpayers want on the CCS School Board.

PS: Hopefully the Peaceful Protesters will start attending the CCS School Board Meetings on a regular basis. Along with parents, taxpayers and other concerned individuals. Perhaps your 2025 Property Tax Bills will convince YOU to come out and actually see what is going on at CCS.