Meet CEO Justin Jennings

**BACKGROUND**

CEO Jennings became YCSD’s CEO Aug. 1 and he got right to work. Most recently, he served three years as superintendent of the Muskegon (Mich.) Public Schools, but during his career in education, he’s also worked as a kindergarten teacher, a special education director, assistant principal, principal and assistant superintendent at public schools in Michigan.

**EDUCATION**

Mr. Jennings earned his bachelor’s degree at Purdue University where he attended on a basketball scholarship. He went on to secure three master’s degrees from Grand Valley State University: educational leadership, special education administration and special education with an emphasis in emotional impairments. He also earned an educational specialist degree from GVSU and is finishing his doctorate.

**FAMILY**

Mr. Jennings is married to Pamela and has a son, 26, a daughter, 19, who is a college student, and a grandson, 2.

September 2019
A DAY TO REMEMBER

The Chaney Cowboys Football team expected just another practice when they arrived after school one day this month. What they got was so much better. The team traveled to the Cleveland Browns’ practice facility. There they met Odell Beckham Jr., Browns’ wide receiver, who gave each of them a new pair of his Nike shoes that weren’t yet available in stores. The Browns have been following the Cowboys’ comeback and wanted to help the team. During the summer, the Browns donated about $10,000 in equipment to the team including spikes, gloves, practice jerseys, and pants from the team as part of its Huddle for 100 program. Thank you Browns, Nike and OBJ!!

START WITH HELLO

The San Francisco 49ers surprised Williamson scholars, making a stop at the school. The team was in town while training for a game vs. the Cincinnati Bengals. The team enjoyed lunch with the scholars and hosted an assembly to begin a conversation about inclusion in Sandy Hook Promise’s Start with Hello program. The United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley is an important partner in bringing this project to YCSD scholars.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 25, No school, staff professional development
- Sept. 27, YRECHS celebrates its first anniversary in a new building and Hispanic Heritage Month, 10:30 a.m.
- Oct. 17, PRIDE meeting, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., YRECHS community room, 20 W. Wood St.