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KCS to continue virtual and inperson learning for spring

Knox County Schools will continue to offer both remote and inperson learning opportunities for the upcoming spring semester. Superintendent Bob Thomas

announced the decision Wednesday night at the school board's work session meeting at the Andrew Johnson Building. I want to thank our teachers

administrators and employees for making the re-opening of our schools possible," Thomas said It was a challenge and we knew it was going to be

I want to thank them for what they've done to make this pos sible when we opened six-anda-half weeks ago today pleased to announce that we will offer both virtual and in-person learning for the spring semester, beginning on January 5."

Thomas also noted that families that opt to keep their current learning model will not have to make any changes with the dis-

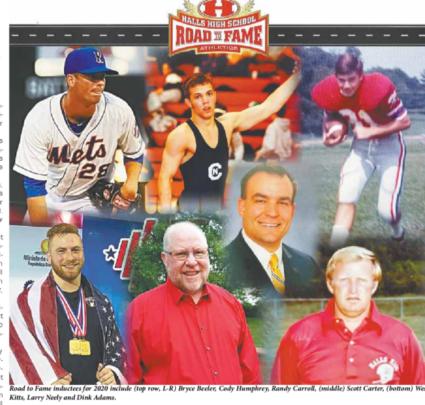
"For those who want to stay in the classroom or stay in virtual, they do not have to do any thing," Thomas said. "If you want to move from virtual to the classoom or if you want to move from the classroom to virtual, you will have a window to decide between Oct. 26 and Nov. 6.

"I would encourage families and parents to start thinking about that now and not wait until Nov. 6. We will have more details available on our website soon." Thomas also requested that

parents and families be patient as they await responses from their children's teachers.

'I appreciate the involvement of our parents and families, but m going to respectfully make request: that our parents and families be patient with our teachers and responsiveness

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Halls High Road to Fame's Class of 2020 has quality

By Steve Williams

The second class of the Halls igh Athletics' Road to Fame may not have the quantity of the inau gural 2019 class, but it has the quality.

2020 class will be announced and presented in a ceremony prior to Halls' homecoming game against South-Doyle Friday night

Talk about quality. The school's football field just happens to be named after one of this year's Road to Fame honorees - Dink Adams, or as it says on the scor board, Dinzle "Dink" Adams

During his 32-year career Halls, from 1968 until 2000, Adams was a physical education teacher and head football coach assistant principal and athletic

director, and head principal. Other 2020 inductees are Bryce Beeler, Randy Carroll, Scott Carter, Cody Humphrey, Wesley

Kitts and Larry Neely.
"I think they are as exception al as the 12 inductees we had in the first class," said Jerry Julian, president of the Road to Fame "Each one is an individual with great achievements

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'Fall in Love With South High' services soiree draws visitors

the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic was unusual for Helen Porter, executive director of South High Senor Living, but she endured. The facility, in the totally renovated school building at 835 Tipton Avenue in South Knoxville, is up and running.
"It's been interesting to watch it

Opening an assisted living center in

finally come to life and to now have residents here," she told The Focus Wednesday. She was busy greeting guests, neighbors, and coordinating the Senior Services Soiree event that

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Helen Porter, executive director of South High Senior Living points out . illustrations of the many rooms at the new assisted living and memory care facility in South Knoxville. Photo by Mike

WE'LL BE THERE

Ani Roma selected as citizen member of Board of Health

By Mike Steely Senior Writer steelym@knoxfocu

Ani Roma, a health teacher at Hardin Valley Middle School, was selected last Monday by the Knox County Commission to be the lone citizen member of the Knox County Board of Health. About two dozen people submitted resumes but after seven hours of debate only a handful of candidates remained at the

meeting. As so many candidates had abandoned the long meeting Chairman Larsen Jay moved to postpone the selection of the citizen Board of Health member However the motion failed as Commissioners Randy Smith, Kyle Ward, John Schoonmaker, Terry Hill, Charles Busler and Justin Biggs voted against deferring the selection.

applicants

The eight remaining pplicants spoke for

and Commissioner Hill

nominated Roma Roma told the board she's a local business owner, a health teacher, has children in Knox County Schools, and is an avid outdoor person. She said she supports "long term wellness for our

community." voting but Roma was selected with the votes of Commissioners Dasha Lundy, Courtney Durrett, Carson Dailey, Busler, Hill and Jay. Voting for Ward's nominee attorney Steve Weiner Commissioners

Schoonmaker and Ward.
Although restaurant urant ner Randy had b owner chain Burleson mentioned last month as a candidate, his name was never brought up during Monday night's discussion

Smith.

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