



Troup County School System

A Place For Every Kid

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1800+ employees attend Back to School Kick-off

LaGrange, GA., August 2, 2023 – The Troup County School System held its Back to School Kick-off Tuesday morning at the Troup High School gym.

1,800+ employees were in attendance which included teachers, transportation, nutrition, maintenance, custodial and various other administration roles within the system.

People were greeted in the gym by the Troup High School drumline and cheerleaders. Rising senior at Callaway High School, Greyson Batchelor was the opening speaker for the event. Each school represented were able to show their school spirit with a cheer/chant and how their school will be “A Place for Every Kid”.

What does ‘A Place for Every Kid’ mean?

•A Common Mission •Like Minded Peers •Surrounded by Caring Adults •Co-curricular Activities to Look Forward to

18 students, one from each grade level K-12, representing the schools in the TCSS, told the audience what they were looking forward to the most this school year.

Motivational speaker, Mr. Willie Spears was the keynote speaker for the event. He gave teachers and staff several strategies to prepare and move forward in the new school year. Don’t take it personal, shake it off, don’t be cruel and be humble.

The program wouldn't be successful without the following people:

THS Drum Line & Cheerleaders

Greyson Batchelor, CHS Senior

Dr. Brian T. Shumate, Superintendent

THS JROTC Color Guard: Front Guard C/2nd Lieutenant Arianna Marshall, American Flag C/Captain Ricky Chunn 2, Georgia Flag C/2nd Lieutenant Isaiah Morales, Rear Guard C/1st Lieutenant Nevaeh Copeland

THS Choir - National Anthem

Brandon Brooks, Board Chairman
and our Troup County School System Board Members

Mr. Patrick Crews, Troup County Board of Commissioners Chair

Mr. Steve Tramell, West Point Mayor

Mr. Jake Ayers, Hogansville Mayor

Dr. Willie Edmondson, LaGrange Mayor

Helen Rice, State Board of Educations - Third Congressional District

All of our amazing school Principals!

LaGrange High School Choir

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Willie Spears

Student Speakers

- Carliyah Gray, Kindergarten, Berta Weathersbee Elementary
- Greyson Ledbetter, 1st Grade, Callaway Elementary
- La'dyah Winston, 1st Grade, Clearview Elementary
- Annie Irvin, 2nd Grade, Franklin Forest Elementary
 - Ava Treschl, 2nd Grade, Hillcrest Elementary
- Taylor Hampton, 3rd Grade, Hogansville Elementary
- Crawford Hutchinson, 3rd Grade, Hollis Hand Elementary
 - Graysen York, 4th Grade, Long Cane Elementary
 - Emery Ralph, 4th Grade, Rosemont Elementary
- LaRaina Williams, 5th Grade, Ethel W. Kight Elementary
 - Arryn Collins, 5th Grade, West Point Elementary
 - Shelton Cox, 6th Grade, Callaway Middle
- Elijah Austin, 7th Grade, Gardner Newman Middle
 - Emma Cook, 8th Grade, Long Cane Middle
 - Caelyn Dukes, 9th Grade, Callaway High

- Asher Skiff, 10th Grade, LaGrange High
- Monica Lewis, 11th Grade, Troup High
- Dinaja Heath, 12th Grade, Troup High

About Troup County School System

Troup County School System is an accredited educational system with over 12,200 students in grades K-12. TCSS does offer a free Pre-K program at each elementary school. The system is comprised of eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, one college and career academy, and one alternative learning center. Students within the school system are taught a rigorous and relevant curriculum that helps them make college and career choices beyond graduation. The system 2022 graduation rate is 85.9 percent. To learn more about Troup County School System, visit troup.org and the Troup County School System Facebook page.

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