

2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT



DADE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Message from the Superintendent

Hello, Dade County!



I am delighted to share the Dade County Schools 2016-2017 Annual Report with you at this time. As you review the information highlighted on the following pages, learn about our financial stability, academic performance, athletic accomplishments and superior performance in the artistic arena. We have much to celebrate in Dade County Schools! Please join me in commending our students, faculty, staff and administrators for their accomplishments.

It continues to be an honor for me to serve as your superintendent under the leadership of Board Chair Carolyn Bradford, Vice Chair Johnny Warren, and Board Members Jennifer Hartline, Cindy Shaw and Bob Woods. I will continue to work to exceed their expectations.

I pledge to protect and prepare our deserving students while focusing on continual improvement and academic rigor in a caring, productive environment. Furthermore, I pledge to encourage and strengthen our principals, teachers and staff as we work together to prepare our students for lifelong success by promoting character, citizenship and workforce development.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan".

Dr. Jan Irons Harris
Superintendent

Dade County Board of Education:

The Dade County Board of Education encompasses five members, people from different areas of life who devote their time to public service as elected officials. The Board of Education members work together to help provide vision and direction for the school system, employment of the superintendent, policy creation in accordance with state law to establish standards, evaluation, and accountability of essential operations of the school district, property acquisition, and preparation of the district's budget. The members of the Dade County Board of Education are committed to making a difference in the lives of our students.



Board Chair Carolyn
Bradford, Jennifer Hartline,
Vice Chair Johnny Warren,
Cindy Shaw, Bob Woods,
and Superintendent
Dr. Jan Irons Harris



Financial Report

Student Instructional Days - 180
Received a "clean" audit with no findings
Financial Efficiency Star Rating ★★

Total Revenues Received	\$18,538,537	
Local Revenues	\$ 6,664,697	36%
State Revenues	\$ 10,911,644	59%
Federal Revenues	\$ 962,196	5%

Budget Information

Instruction	\$12,821,349	69%
Pupil Services	669,179	4%
Staff Services	793,492	4%
General Administration	728,617	4%
School Administration	1,410,690	8%
Transportation	739,701	4%
Maintenance	1,409,253	7%
Total Expenditures	\$18,572,281	100%

Teacher Qualifications

Doctorate	5%
EdSpecialist	21%
Masters	48%
Bachelors	26%

Employees:	298
Classified Employees	116
Certified Employees	182

Millage Rate:	15.509%
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$9,309
Statewide Average	\$9,020

SPLOST – Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax

- 2.6-million-dollar renovation to Dade County High School
- New Canopy for car and bus loading at Davis Elementary for students
- New Canopy and sidewalk for car riders at Dade Elementary School
- HVAC system replacement for Dade County High School
- Technology/Software/Networking Updates throughout the school system



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ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS, AND ARTS

ACADEMICS

- Dade Elementary and Davis Elementary received the U.S. Department of Education Distinguished Schools and Schoolwide Schools Award
- Dade Elementary received the Georgia Department of Education High Progress Reward School Award
- Davis Elementary received the Georgia Department of Education High Progress Reward School Award for the 3rd straight year
- Dade Elementary and Davis Elementary received the Governor's "Beating the Odds" School Award
- Dade Elementary received the Governor's Office of Student Achievement Gold Award for Greatest Gains
- Dade County High School received the Georgia Dept. of Ed. award for Graduation Rate Greatest Gains among students with disabilities
- DMS Oratorical Contest Winner – Kaitlyn Hedden
- Davis Students SOAR (Safe, Outstanding Learners, Always Respectful, and Responsible)
- Davis saw an increase on the GA Milestones by an average of 15 points. Math increased by 25 points, Science by 15 points, Social Studies 9 points, and ELA 12 points.
- Davis students began work clearing and exploring the "Davis Trails" for future STEM projects and activities
- DMS Teacher Margaret Smart received the Highest Student Growth Percentile (SGP) Rating in Dade County - 87%
- DES scored 8.6 points above the state average on the CCPRI report
- Georgia Regional Young Author Winner – Aaliya Varricchio (5 students from DES won at district level)
- Optimist Club Oratorical Regional Winners - Paul Allen Phillips and Anna Ballard
- National Merit Finalist – Jed Henderson
- Audio/Video Broadcast Programs received "Select Status" from NFHS
- 4-H and Agricultural Education worked together to support and promote student success
- Dade County High School named as GA Department of Agriculture's 2016 GA Grown Test Kitchen
- 1st College Probe Fair at DCHS with 46 colleges visiting to recruit Dade Students
- System awarded \$90,000.00 grant to launch Agriculture Program at DCHS and DMS
- System awarded \$175,000.00 grant to restructure Engineering and upgrade to Mechatronics Pathway
- Business Education Program received Industry Certification
- ASPIRE – Teaching students to become leaders in their Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- New Sensory Lab at Dade Elementary
- 4-H Program implemented at DCHS for Students with Disabilities
- DCHS CTAE PATHWAYS:
 - (1) Construction Pathway Carpentry
 - (2) Construction Pathway Electrical
 - (3) Metals Technology Pathway
 - (4) Audio-Video Technology and Communications
 - (5) Agriscience Pathway
 - (6) Business and Technology
 - (7) Therapeutic Services – Allied Health and Medicine
 - (8) Nutrition and Food Science Pathway
 - (9) Manufacturing Mechatronics Pathway

ATHLETICS

- Hosted Special Olympics for 42 Olympians at New Salem Community Center
- DCHS Introduced 2 new sports: Volleyball and Fishing
- DCHS Football – Jacob Anderson, Brandon Bell, Kam Jones, and Tyler Thapa selected for North Georgia All Star Team
- DCHS Soccer Player Kailey Burrell won Chattanooga Area "Best of Preps" Soccer Award
- DCHS Girls Soccer Team, Girls Basketball Team, and DCHS Baseball Team advanced to GHSA Sweet 16
- DMS Girls Basketball Team won the NGAC Championship
- DCHS Cross Country Runners Taylor Warren and Gage Henry were State Qualifiers
- DCHS Softball Team Advanced to GHSA Elite 8

ARTS

- DCHS Marching Band marched in the McDonald's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Chicago, IL
- Davis Chorus continued to expand with over 100 members
- DMS Chorus received Superior and Excellent ratings from the GA Music Educators Association
- DCHS Mixed Chorus performed at Universal Studios STARS Program
- DCHS Chorus Teacher Mrs. Gabrielle Haston nominated to serve as co-chair for the GMEA District VII Choral Division
- DCHS Concert Band received excellent and superior ratings at the East Tennessee State Band and Orchestra Association Concert Festival
- DCHS Drama Productions: *Dark of the Moon* and *Beauty and the Beast*
- DCS received a donation of a Bronze Statue (placed in front of the Board of Education)



TOOLS HIGHLIGHTS

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BUSINESS - FEDERAL PROGRAMS, SCHOOL NUTRITION, AND FINANCIAL

- Sick leave incentive implemented - Decrease of 345 employee sick days taken, 86 employees received \$200.00 incentive
- Federal Programs funded salary and benefits for 3 teachers, 2 paraprofessionals, and 2 academic coaches, provided screening software to pre-assess grade readiness, prescribe strategies to close academic gaps, and increase student achievement, and provided funds for professional learning for core academic teachers and administrative staff
- DCHS received \$5,000.00 Lowes Grant and \$3,000.00 Scholastic Reading Club Grant for the Media
- Fred's Pharmacy donated \$500.00 to each school
- DCS received a STEM donation of \$2,000.00
- All school cafeterias received a perfect health score from the GA Department of Public Health
- 2016 Golden Radish Bronze Award for Farm-to-Schools
- Fostered community involvement through partnering with Trenton United Methodist Church to provide weekend meals for children in need
- Meal Viewer Mobile Menu installed for parents and students to view menus from their smart phones
- Online food service payments and account balance text reminders established through the new student information system, Infinite Campus
- DC School Nutrition Program employees completed state-approved food safety training
- Provided over 2,600 healthy lunches to area children through Seamless Summer Meal Program. Free lunches were served to area children at the Dade County Library, Jenkins Park, and Dade Elementary School
- Fully implemented 2 PAES Labs at Dade County High School and Dade Middle School

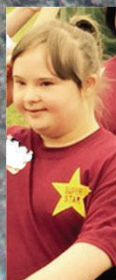


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CHARACTER AND COMMUNITY

- DCHS Seniors perform the 1st Annual Graduation Walk
- Character Education Committee Implemented – Committee Members: Dr. Jan Harris, Tinena Bice, Ronnie Shelton, Jamie Bonner, Pamela Stone, Bradley Warren, and building principals
- Dr. Harris established a Kitchen Cabinet – Committee Members: Jamey McMahan, David Lyons, Rhonda Bradford, Katy Vaughn, and Amy Cole
- Mason Roberts and Zach Hibbs, two 9th grade students, used CPR skills to assist paramedics in helping save the life of a person at Cloudland Canyon State Park.
- 12 Seniors received Platinum Cords for Community Service Award – 300 hours donated to community
- Bryce Nethery selected to serve on GA Superintendent Richards Woods State-Wide Advisory Council
- Optimist Club STAR TEACHER – Tonya Gatlin and STAR STUDENT – Jed Henderson
- DCHS hosted Army Veteran Andrew Smith during Veterans Day Assembly
- DCHS partnered with Dade First Family Connection to host Career Developer and Author Brooks Harper
- DCHS hosted motivational speaker, Zeke Pike
- Pam Barton selected as "Top Gun" candidate; GA Department of Education recognized her as a TOP coordinator in the field of Youth Apprenticeship and Work-based learning (WBL).
- Parent Mentor Cynthia Daniels nominated for Phil Pickens Award
- Davis created an Aftercare Program to better serve students and their families
- DES Positive Behavior System ("PAWS")
- DES White Christmas Gift Collections for Dade County Sheriff Office
- GA State Superintendent Richard Woods visited Dade County Schools and spoke to local businesses at Chamber Luncheon
- DES Academic Aftercare Program for Pre-K through 5th grade
- Inspirational speaker, Liz Huntley, "More Than a Bird" spoke to DCS faculty and staff
- Davis students participated in the 2nd annual Mark Garner Christmas Drive which supplied art supplies and children's books to the Dade County Sheriff's Office for children in need

"More Than A Bird"



CCRPI Scores

School Name	2016	State	Climate Rating
Dade Elementary School	80.3	71.7	★★★★★
Davis Elementary School	79	71.7	★★★★★
Dade Middle School	75.4	71.5	★★★★★
Dade County High School	70.3	75.7	★★★★
District	75.7	73.6	

Graduation Rates

FY	DCHS	State
2016	94.9%	79.4%
2015	86.7%	78.9%

2017 GA Milestones EOC

13% increase American Lit and Comp
 14% increase Geometry
 16% increase Physical Science
 19% increase U.S. History
 11% increase 3rd Grade ELA

AP SCORES

Subject:	#Students	Ave Score	#Scoring 3+	Teacher
Eng. Language	44	1.5	5	Baugh
US Gov & Politics	40	1.5	5	McMahan
US History	40	1.4	3	Warren
World History	29	1.5	1	McMahan
Totals	153	1.5	14	

2017 ACT SCORES:

SUBJECT	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
SCHOOL	18.7	18.9	20.0	20.1	19.6
STATE	21.0	20.9	22.0	21.3	21.4
NATIONAL	20.3	20.7	21.4	21.0	21.0

EOC Milestones District/State Comparison for 2016 and 2017

Assessment	2016		2017	
End of Course (EOC)	DCS	State	DCS	State
Algebra I	54%	70%	60%	70%
American Lit & Comp	69%	76%	82%	81%
Biology	62%	68%	64%	70%
Economics	77%	72%	67%	72%
Geometry	60%	70%	74%	74%
9th Grade Lit & Comp	75%	77%	80%	84%
Physical Science	47%	66%	63%	67%
US History	52%	76%	71%	75%

Note: Percentages represent the number of students scoring in the Developing Learner or Above Categories

EOG Milestones District/State Comparison for 2016 and 2017

Assessment	2016		2017	
End of Grade (EOG)	DCS	State	DCS	State
ELA	76%	71%	81%	73%
Mathematics	83%	76%	85%	78%
Science	78%	69%	76%	64%
Social Studies	78%	73%	81%	74%

Note: Percentages represent the number of students scoring in the Developing Learner or Above Categories

**Soccer GHSA Sweet 16**

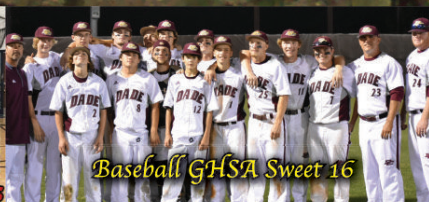
Coach Aaron Stanton

**Softball GHSA Elite 8**

Coach Brent Cooper

**Congratulations Lady Wolverines!!!
2016-2017 NGAC Champions**

Coach Regina Logan

**Baseball GHSA Sweet 16**

Coach Brent Cooper

**Basketball GHSA Sweet 16**

Coach Randy Watson



DADE COUNTY HIGH TOP 10



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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Jed Henderson | 6 Erica Glass & Breanna Stone |
| 2 Matthew "Bryce" Nethery | 7 Cole Irwin |
| 3 Dylan Knox | 8 Tyler Thapa |
| 4 Colton Graham | 9 Connor Moore |
| 5 Abbey Keesee | 10 Jacob Anderson |



Ethnicity:
 African American 1 %
 Asian/Indian 1 %
 Multi-racial 2 %
 Hispanic 2 %
 White 94 %

Enrollment: # of Students
 Dade Elementary 786
 Davis Elementary 324
 Dade Middle 467
 Dade High School 613
 Total 2190

Attendance: 94%

Value of Scholarships
 offered to Class of 2017: \$528,750



DADE ELEMENTARY



DAVIS ELEMENTARY



DADE MIDDLE SCHOOL



DADE COUNTY HIGH

Dade County High School
 300 Tradition Lane
 Trenton, GA 30752
 706-657-7517
 Mr. James Fahrney, Principal

Dade Middle School
 250 Pace Drive
 Trenton, GA 30752
 706-657-6491
 Dr. Sandra Spivey, Principal

Dade Elementary School
 306 Wolverine Drive
 Trenton, GA 30752
 706-657-8253
 Ms. Tracy Blevins, Principal

Davis Elementary School
 5491 Hwy 301
 Trenton, GA 30752
 706-657-6300
 Mr. Josh Ingle, Principal



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 Board of Education**
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 Billy Hooker, Associate Superintendent
 Debra Brackett, Director of Special Programs
 Dr. James Cantrell, Director of Operations
 Dr. Clea Long, Director of School Nutrition
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