



Start Here and Go Far



State of the School System Annual Report 2022





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Dear Greene County Families,

As the 2022 school year gets underway, the Greene County Board of Education is honored to continue serving the entire school system community. One of the beliefs of the school system is in establishing high expectations that are measurable and establishing accountability for achieving them, and this is evident in the growing success of our school system. To that end, we applaud the hard work of our teachers, administrators, support staff, students, parents, and community partners for their diligence and support of our schools. We believe that building an effective school culture stems from a positive partnership between the schools and the community at large. We can best represent Greene County students, families, and community members if they are actively involved in supporting our mission, sharing feedback, and asking questions.

Sincerely,
Your Greene County Board of Education Representatives



From the Superintendent

As we look forward to the new school year, I am excited to welcome our students back to safe and engaging learning environments where they can strive to meet and exceed expectations.

Our exceptional teachers provide unparalleled classroom experiences where students not only learn, but they thrive and grow. Our leaders and staff members provide incredible supports to our teachers and students all for our primary mission: teaching and learning. To our parents - you are vital to our success and are our most important partners, thank you!

And finally, the support of local law enforcement, non-profits, higher education institutions, and businesses are another reason the Greene County School System is a rapidly improving.

Thank you for your support of our schools and community!

Sincerely,
Dr. Chris Houston, Superintendent



2021-2022 Awards & Recognitions



October 2021 CMS named an Amazon Future Engineer School

Anita White Carson Middle School was selected as an Amazon Future Engineer school - a partnership between Amazon and Project STEM to improve access to computer science education by awarding grants to schools in communities currently underrepresented in the technology field.

December 2021 Greene County Board of Education receives Exemplary designation from GSBA

The Board of Education was named an Exemplary Board by the Georgia School Boards Association, the highest award level in GSBA'S 3-tier Board Recognition Program, in recognition of the board's best practices in providing effective and distinguished school district leadership.



April 2022 GCHS named an AP Honor School by GaDOE

The Georgia Department of Education recognized GCHS as an AP Honor School. GCHS earned the title of AP Expansion School, a designation which recognizes schools with 25% growth in AP student participation during the 2020-2021 school year.

July 2022 GCPS receives School Bell Award from GA Association of Elementary School Principals

The GAESP School Bell Award recognizes elementary schools with outstanding programs in the area of curriculum and organizational leadership. GCPS received this award due to its innovative RISE (Reading Inspires Students to Excel) reading comprehension program.





2021-2022 Awards & Recognitions



October 2021

GCSS names five 2022 REACH Scholars

The Greene County School System named five 8th grade students to the 2022 class of REACH Georgia Scholarship recipients. A'Ziah Dolvin, Va-Quaria Dunn, Mia Mauriello, and Taylor Waller from Anita White Carson Middle School and Christopher Arrue from Lake Oconee Academy make up the GCSS's fifth class of REACH scholars since the school system joined the program in 2017.

March 2022

GCHS student Ava Smith wins 1st place award at statewide TomeCon

GCHS Tome Literary Society attended TomeCon which was held at University of North Georgia in Gainesville. Tome students attended workshops and fellowshipped with Tome students from schools across Georgia. 9th grader Ava Smith won 1st place in the Book Trailer competition.



April 2022

GCHS junior Aiden Turner named Governor's Honors Program Finalist

GCHS junior Aiden Turner won finalist in the Georgia Governor's Honors Program, a residential summer program for gifted and talented high school students who will be rising juniors and seniors during the program. Aiden was selected for excellence in Foreign Languages: Spanish.

May 2022

GCPS Pollinator Protectors club wins GA Ag Experience statewide STEM challenge

At Greene County Primary School, the 3rd grade Pollinator Protectors club created a colorful pollinator garden with help from local master gardeners, UGA, and family and community members as its entry into a statewide STEM challenge: the Georgia Ag Experience's Great Georgia Pollinator Protectors STEM Challenge. GCPS won the challenge in the 3rd grade category.





Greene County Primary School

Points of Pride

2nd Grade Reading Buddies Program — Community volunteers each partner with two GCPS 2nd graders weekly to practice reading comprehension skills and vocabulary development.

Student-led News Show — 3rd grade students present the school's daily morning announcements.

First annual STEM Expo — Dozens of local businesses and other school community partners came to the school for a real-world showcase to demonstrate how science, math, technology, and engineering principles apply in their fields.

Learn to Read and Read to Learn Program — Community-sponsored gift cards were distributed as reading awards to parents and students.

High Achievers in Math — The school's 3rd grade math scores on the Georgia Milestones increased 19 points from 2019 to 2022 and beat the state average by 17 points this year!

Parent Engagement — GCPS now has an active "All Pro Dads Society" for GCPS fathers and monthly Coffee Talk meetings for all parents with Assistant Principal Dr. Jody Worth. The school also held its first annual ESOL Night with fantastic parent participation!

RISE Reading Intervention Program — Personalized, small-group instruction for reading comprehension, word study and phonics, and guided writing over a 6-8 week period which helped students gain the confidence, proficiency, and skills they needed to excel as strong readers.



2022 Winner





Anita White Carson Middle School

Points of Pride

GAMSP Assistant Principal of the Year — CMS Assistant Principal Mrs. Tanisha Wright received the 2021 Hal Beaver Georgia Outstanding Assistant Principal Award from the Georgia Association of Middle School Principals.



GCSS District Teacher of the Year — Mrs. Morgen Gay, a reading teacher and CMS Teacher of the Year, was named district Teacher of the Year after a competitive application and interview process.

No Place for Hate School Designation — In 2021, CMS was named a No Place for Hate School, which is a student-led school climate improvement program that cultivates student leadership in sustaining positive school culture.

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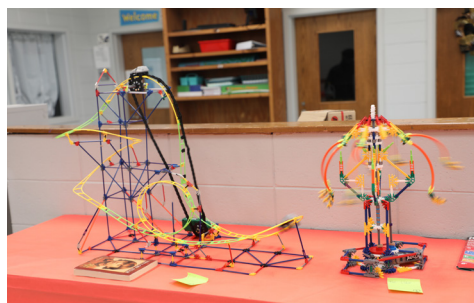
4-H District Winners — CMS 4-H students won multiple 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards at 4-H District Project Achievement.

100% Completion Rate for College & Career Interest Inventories for Middle School — Career inventories provide educators with vital information needed to accurately assist students in their career planning process and are used to help students learn more about their interests, values, and skills in order to help students understand their career needs and possibilities, so that they can make well-informed decisions about their future.



Academic Parent-Teacher Teams — In 2021, CMS implemented the APTT model: a family engagement initiative that is grounded in the idea that schools thrive when families and teachers work together, as genuine partners, to maximize student learning inside and outside of school by engaging in a collaborative process to build strong relationships with their students' families and to empower those families to make concrete contributions to student growth and achievement.

Robotics Program — As a part of the school's Amazon Future Engineer program, the school began a robotics club in which students learn how to build robots and program them using artificial intelligence in order to achieve specific tasks.





Greene County High School

Points of Pride

Region 8-A GHSA Sportsmanship Award — For a second consecutive year, GCHS won the GHSA Sportsmanship Award, an award voted on by all the schools in the region. The Sportsmanship Award is one of the most prestigious awards a school athletics program can receive and represents the integrity and character exhibited by all student-athletes and leadership.

Chick-fil-A Leader Academy — The Chick-fil-A Leader Academy is a national leadership program that includes 8th-12th graders at GCHS. Students engage in Leader Labs each month to develop the skills they use for student-led Community Impact Projects, making an impact in our community through action.

Student Film Accepted to International Festival — A student film, "The Footrace," from the Audio-Visual Technology class has been accepted to the April 2023 Student World Impact Film Festival, a premier student film festival that attracts submissions from 5,000+ aspiring filmmakers in 100+ countries each year.

Athletic Successes — In Track and Field, Senior K'Zon Dennis was the 3200-meter state champion, pushing the GCHS Boys track team to a Top 10 finish. The Boys Track and Field team was the region's champion, and the Girls Track and Field team was the region runner-up.

First annual STEM Expo — Dozens of local businesses and other school community partners came to the school for a real-world showcase to demonstrate how science, math, technology, and engineering principles apply in their fields.

Community Service — GCHS students dedicated many community service hours to local organizations and causes, such as raising funds for St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital during Breast Cancer Awareness Month and volunteering at local events such as the Downtown Greensboro Christmas Tree Lighting.



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Monica Abarca-Sanchez



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Evan Andrews



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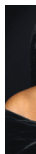
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Joe Moreno



Jamarvon Nesbitt



Michael Nesbitt



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K'niya Young

A Letter

Congratulations, Class of 2022! You have achieved the most powerful tools that each of you to always follow your dreams. Greene County High School's overwhelming resilience during this time has continually impressed with the focus, level of involvement in the community. One of our goals at Greene County High School is to help you achieve your dreams and find the path to success. We have taken advantage of the numerous opportunities in the curriculum and through extracurricular activities. Without a doubt, this group of seniors is so talented and hardworking, their test scores, inspiring recitals, and projects are a testament to their hard work and success-driven attitude. We have had an incredible impact on our community.

Graduation is one success in your life. We are confident that there will be many more successes. You leave us with the best wishes for the entire community. Again, congratulations on reaching this significant milestone in your life!

James

Greene County High School

TOP TEN - CLASS OF 2022

1. ZANOBIA BROWN
2. KENNEDY LEAGUE
3. Ollie Wilder
4. Karina Rocha-Gonzalez
5. Arriona Brinson
6. Ty Shionna Grimsley
7. Idania Padilla
8. Jonathan Paredes-Moreno
9. Kaylen Crawford
10. Asia Allen

Best of luck from the entire GC

CLASS OF

2022

Jonathan Paredes-Moreno

Tyia Peek

Yordy Perez Lopez

Andre Pope

Karina Rocha-Gonzalez

Johann Rodriguez

Daveon Rowland

D'Nya Terrell

Jalen Thornton

Derrick Walker

THE CLASS OF 2022: BY THE NUMBERS



over \$250,000 in local private scholarship funds earned (not counting university scholarships or state HOPE awards)



earned \$262,500 in potential college savings through dual enrollment credits



100% college acceptance rate for dual enrollment students



95% completed at least one CTAE pathway



25% participated in work-based learning, completing over 4,000 hours on the job with local employers



Letter from the Principal

Class of 2022, on your graduation! Education is one of the tools that you can use to change the world. I encourage you to follow your dreams and believe in yourself.

Green County's Class of 2022 has stood tall and shown resilience during the last four years.. I have been proud to work with this group of seniors' camaraderie, academic achievement in school activities, and community outreach. Green County High School is to help all students find success in pursuing life goals. You all have taken advantage of the numerous opportunities, both within our school and in extracurricular activities, to gain the skills that will be successful in your lives after high school. Without a doubt, this class is so much more than grade point averages, test scores, and championships. This class is unique and special. You are very positive and passionate class of hard working students. You will make a positive impact on this school and the community.



Tyia Peek
Principal
Green County High School

Thank you CHS family!

Greene College & Career Academy

Points of Pride



Career Coaching Program — 130+ volunteer Career Coaches from a variety of professional backgrounds mentor students through their high school career to prepare for post-graduation college and career opportunities, the first program of its kind in the state! The Coaches help each 9th grader discover their possible career pathways through the YouScience interests and aptitudes assessment and assist them in building a career plan they can follow throughout their four years at GCHS and beyond to higher education or the workforce.

Outstanding New CTI Program State Award — In its first year, the Greene College & Career Academy CTI (Career and Technical Instruction) Program was named Outstanding New CTI Program by Georgia CTI, and GCHS Coordinator Didi Davis was named Outstanding New CTI Coordinator.



Work-Based Learning — 34 students participated in Work-Based Learning in the 2021-2022 school year. From the beginning of the year through March, GCHS WBL students worked over 8,000 hours and earned over \$86,000.

Agriculture Achievements — Two GCHS FFA students completed their state FFA degrees, and the GCHS FFA chapter received the Bronze level designation.

JROTC Space Program Learning in Action — In April, the GCHS Air Force JROTC chapter completed a curriculum-in-action trip to the NASA Kennedy Space Center in Florida. There, the cadets learned first-hand about the history of the U.S. Space Program, along with exhibits of all the rockets used for human space travel. In addition, they were able to touch samples of actual moon rocks and try their skills on space simulators.



First Annual Career Day — In March, over 150 students participated in Career Day with 15 visiting career representatives from the fields of banking, corporate business-logistics, real estate, restaurants, public office, law, medicine, meteorology, ministry, landscaping, fire-fighting, and hospitality, to name just a few. Seven of the career day representatives were GCHS alumni.

State Competitions — Three CTI students participated in competitions at the Georgia CTI statewide Leadership Conference, and a student won second place in welding. DECA students also competed at the statewide fall DECA conference in Principals of Business Management and Human Resources Management.

Parent & Community Involvement

District Parent Advisory Council

The District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) is a group of parents who advise district leaders regarding how we can improve the services that we provide. The purpose of this council, which began during the 2021-2022 school year and is composed of 3-5 parents from each school, is to provide a means for communication and parent engagement, enabling district office staff and parents the opportunity to discuss matters that directly affect student achievement. DPAC parents also serve as thought leaders in the community, sharing information and encouraging parental involvement among other parents.



DPAC member Mitzi Sanchez hands out parent involvement information to Carson Middle School families at the school's STEM Expo and parent night.

ATLAS partners with CBJ Preschool on Early Learners Primary Prep

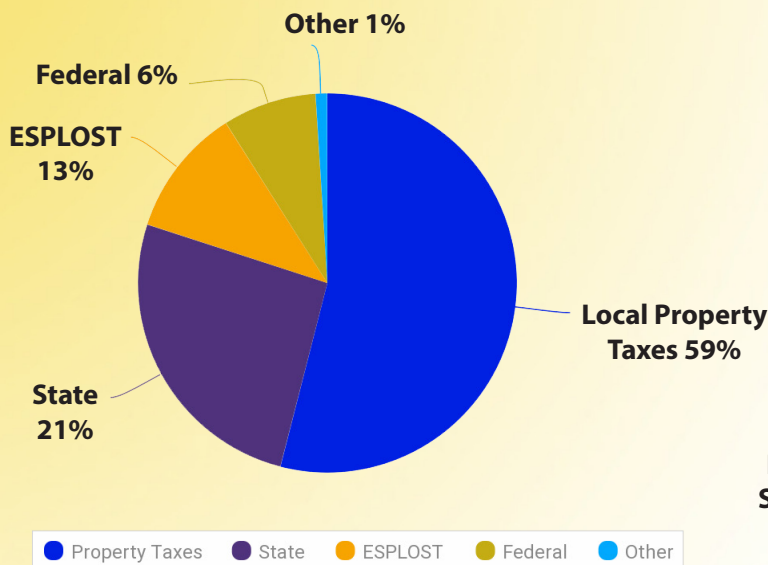
If you were to walk through the CBJ Preschool facility last school year, you would see community partners working hand in hand to invest in the academic success of the children in Greene County! ATLAS Specialist Jennifer Burke and Resident Idalet Rios could be seen spending a good portion of each day in the CBJ classrooms alongside CBJ Director Priscilla Jones and Lead Teacher Kadijah West. Serving a pilot group of 20 students, the ATLAS team is now working in tandem with CBJ to provide additional academic support to students enrolled in the Early Learners Primary Prep program during the school day. Speaking about the partnership, ATLAS Early Learners Director Shasta Tillery expressed her excitement: "We are grateful the school leadership has embraced our program and welcomed ATLAS into the process!"

Ashlie Miller, Greene County Primary School Principal, who is leading the effort at the elementary level with passion and purpose, said, "When two separate entities come together, one public and one private, in order to enhance student learning, great things will happen. How exciting it will be to see the final outcome of Primary Prep and ATLAS Academy as a result of many adults coming together to make a difference in the lives of children in our community!"

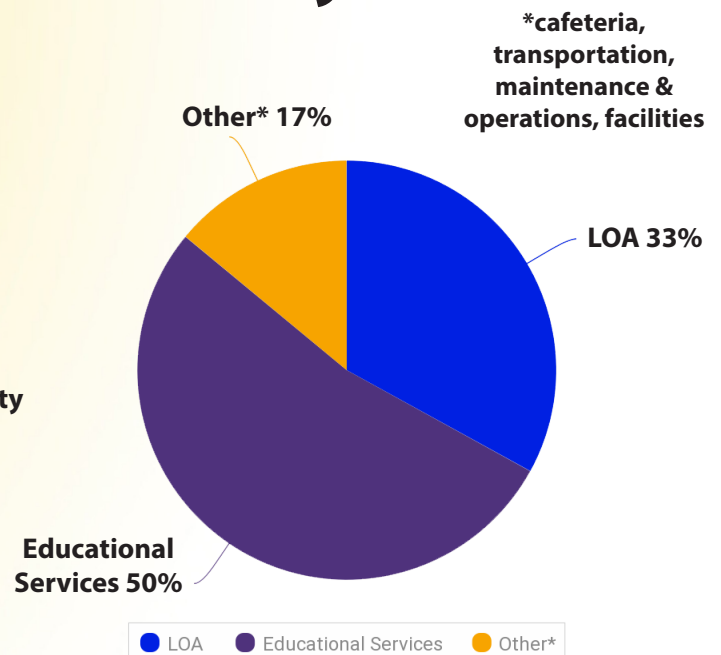
Over the past 18 months, ATLAS has developed an individualized competency mastery program aimed at Kindergarten success beginning at age three called "Primary Prep" and a dedicated reading program for students Kindergarten to 3rd grade called "ATLAS Academy". Primary Prep was specifically developed alongside GCPS teachers and administrators in order to set each child up to be successful when they enter their educational journey as Kindergartners. Both the GCSS and ATLAS teams are extremely excited about the potential impact of this unique partnership between ATLAS and GCPS for participating children and their families!



Financial Efficiency



Revenue \$51 Million



Expenditures \$51 Million

GDA Award of Distinction for Excellent Financial Reporting

The Greene County School System Finance Department was presented the Award of Distinction for Excellent Financial Reporting by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts again for the 5th consecutive year. This award was established by the GDA to recognize excellence in financial reporting and controls. It encourages governmental organizations to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles and recognizes individual organizations that are successful in achieving this goal.

The award was created in 2014 and is presented to organizations that submit quality financial statements and supporting documentation in a timely manner. To receive this award, the organization's annual financial documentation must also be free of any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, comply with all Transparency in Government requirements, and be given an unmodified audit opinion. The GCSS Finance Department demonstrates best practices such as meeting all reporting deadlines to the Georgia Department of Education and Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts, having high quality financial statements and maintaining high quality audit documentation, and received a clean audit opinion.



Superintendent Dr. Chris Houston (left-center) accepts the Award of Distinction for Excellent Financial from GDA Auditor Luke Edwards (right-center) with GCSS Chief Financial Officer Dean Ware (far right) and Nutrition Director Shanita Wright (far left).

Retiring Educators



L-R: Maggie Jones (CMS), Cindy Sumner (CMS), Todd Walker (CMS), Dr. Gloria Hood (GCHS), Wilma Nichols (Central Office), Kelly Shoemaker (GCHS), Bob Finch (GCHS), Charlie Dunn (Custodial), and James Peek (GCHS).
Not Pictured: Kristine Mapp (GCPS), Eddie Lunceford (Custodial), Nelson Lawrence (Custodial)



390
YEARS OF
COMBINED
SERVICE!

Thank you to our retirees for your many years of service and your lasting impact on the lives of our community's children! You made a difference.

Educational Partnerships

Thank you to our community educational partners for all you do to educate, inspire, challenge, and support the students of Greene County!



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Teachers of the Year



Jennifer Rosenblum
CBJ Preschool

Jennifer Rosenblum is in her third year teaching at the Greene County School System, and 24th year teaching primary school. She taught special education in kindergarten and 1st grade at Atlanta Jewish Academy for 13 years before coming to Greene County to teach 2nd Grade at Greensboro Elementary School in 2018. In 2019, she moved to Greene County CBJ Preschool, where she has been teaching ever since. Rosenblum received her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from The University of Georgia and her master's in Education from The University of West Georgia. She lives in Putnam County with her husband Hank and their Yorkshire terrier, Dexter.

"I have a true passion for working with our youngest learners," Rosenblum said. "Helping each child progress in all areas of their development, including academic, social, language, and motor, is a challenge that I am honored to take on daily. I strive to create a community of learners that nurtures this growth in a safe, challenging, and fun environment."

Dana Jackson is in her 18th year teaching at the Greene County School System. She served as a paraprofessional for special education at Union Point Steam Academy for 13 years before transitioning to teaching English Language Arts and Social Studies in 2014. Since then, she has taught literacy and writing using strategies and programs such as Empowering Writers and Foundations. A proud native of Greensboro, she graduated from Greene County High School and earned her bachelor's of science in Early Childhood Education from Paine College in Augusta. She is a lifelong member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and frequently participates in community projects with organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club, Relay for Life, Atlas, and the Greene County Mentoring Program. Jackson was inspired to become an educator by her own first grade teacher, Mrs. Lucille Hudson. Jackson says her mantra is to love and educate yourself, so that you can love and educate others.

"I don't just want to teach our children; I also want to influence and inspire them in both a positive and impactful way," she says. "Teaching has always been my aspiration, and I strive every single day to be the epitome of an effective educator, just as I saw in Mrs. Hudson's first grade classroom."



Dana Jackson
GCPS



Morgen Gay
CMS

Morgen Gay is in her fourth year teaching at Anita White Carson Middle School, where she teaches life science and reading to 7th and 8th grades. She also coordinates the school's PBIS program, which encourages positive student behavior by instilling the school's values of respect, ownership of actions, acting safely, and responsibility. Gay attended the University of Georgia, where she earned a bachelor's of science in Middle Grades Education, and Georgia Southern University, where she earned her master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction. Gay lives with her husband and two sons in the Liberty Community. When she thinks about who inspired her to become a teacher, Gay says her mind always turns to Mrs. Kimberly Emmanuel, who was her own 7th grade life science and reading teacher.

"Even now, 20 years later, she's teaching me with her positivity and high expectations for herself," Gay says. "And that's the kind of teacher that I want to be for my students; the kind of teacher that is still teaching her students 20 years later."

Megan Calicott is in her sixth year teaching biology and environmental science at Greene County High School. She also coordinates her school's PBIS program, and teaches at the Foothills Charter School program at the school after-hours. She received her bachelor's degree in Science Education from the University of Georgia in 2015 and her master's of science in General Biology from Mississippi State University in 2020. Calicott said that her teaching philosophy is guided by two beliefs: first, that each student should leave her classroom equipped with skills that will make them successful no matter which path their life may take them, and second, that genuinely caring about students is the best way to guide and inspire them to success.

"I hope that if any of my students are in need of a person to support them in their educational endeavors that they can find that person in me," she says. "Because I know that being able to share my passion with someone growing up is what got me to where I am today."



Megan Calicott
GCHS

Vision for the Future

New Greene County Elementary School



Where: Centrally located on Meadow Crest Road in Greensboro



Contractor: Evergreen Construction, an Atlanta-based company that has built over 100 schools



Students: Expected to serve 900 students in Pre-K — 5th grades



Design: State-of-the-art facility with innovative learning spaces, the latest technological advances, and dedicated fine arts infrastructure



When: the new school building is expected to open in July 2024



Community: Developed in partnership with our community partners like ATLAS and the Boys & Girls Club



Neighborhood: Near the new 200+ home development Weyerhaeuser is planning to build on Meadow Crest Road

Scan this QR code to view a video walk-through of the new building!



"We are excited to soon be able to offer a new, state-of-the art educational facility to our youngest students. The early, foundational learning years can set the trajectory for a student's entire educational career, and we plan for this building, which will incorporate the latest innovations in education and technology, to be an important part of their strong start. In addition, we are proud to be the first phase of a major program planned for the Meadow Crest area that includes development of 200-1,000 affordable homes, potentially an athletic facility capable of attracting nation-wide programs, and more."

— Dr. Chris Houston, Superintendent



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