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February 24, 2026

PCSD



Our Mission

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Inspire.

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Superintendent's Report

Recognitions

DeeCarol Phinnessee, Chief Talent Officer, recognized the latest round of Star Staff honorees at a reception prior to the board meeting.

Champion for Children: April Thompson- Dugan ES Teacher • Customer Service: Karen Jones- Nebo ES Custodian • Going Above & Beyond: Chuck Carson-Hiram ES Media Clerk • Innovation & Creativity: Nikki Haxton- Crossroads MS Teacher • Making a Difference: Derrick Crosby- HHS Teacher • Outstanding Leadership: Becky Wilson- Central Office Student Services • Rising Star: Katie Beth Hughes: Crossroads MS Teacher • Team Spirit & Collaboration: Donna Stone - Abney ES Teacher

State Superintendent Richard Woods visited PCSD to congratulate schools recognized as Math Leader Schools, Literacy Leader Schools, and John Hancock Schools. Each school was presented with a commemorative banner to display in honor of this achievement.

Math Leader Schools: Allgood ES, Austin MS, Crossroads MS, Dobbins MS, EPMS, HJMS, Hutchens ES, SMMS, McGarity ES, Mose MS, Panter ES, Roberts ES, Scoggins MS and SPMS

Literacy Leader Schools: Dugan ES and HHS

John Hancock Schools: Abney ES, Burnt Hickory ES, Hiram ES, Hutchens ES, New Georgia ES, Poole ES, Russom ES, Shelton ES and Union ES

Mr. Barnette also recognized our Communication Team—Jay Dillon, Greg Hannon and Nikki Robinson—in honor of Government Communicators Day.

Student Services hosted three days of Special Olympics Bowling to celebrate students with special needs. We extend our sincere appreciation to the staff and student volunteers who helped make the event a tremendous success.

Upcoming Events

- March 5th—Teacher Transfer and Career Fair will be held at the Paulding County Recreational and Cultural Affairs Building beginning @4PM for the Transfer Fair and @5PM for the Career Fair.
- Open Now—[Kindergarten Registration](#) for the 2026-2027 School Year
- March 10—Next School Board meeting @8:30AM.

Consent Agenda

Resolutions for Project Closeouts—Approved the resolutions for NPHS, Crossroads MS and Baggett ES to close these projects. The resolutions will refund the district just over \$634,000.

IFB 26-251215 Network Equipment and Maintenance—Approved the recommendation to award Invitation for Bid (IFB) 26-251215 Network Equipment and Maintenance to PC Solutions & Integration, Inc., Miami, Florida and to Graybar Electric, Norcross, Georgia. This award will be for the period beginning July 2026 through June 2027. Purchases will be prioritized based on District needs and subject to budget limitations. FY2027 estimated budget of \$500,000. E-rate funding will be utilized for purchases through this contract.

RFP 22-211203 Lawn Care Maintenance—Approved the recommendation to award renewal of Request For Proposal (RFP) 22-211203 Lawn Care Maintenance to Brightview Landscape, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia. This award will be for the one-year period beginning March 2026 through February 2027. This award is the fourth of five potential one-year renewals. Purchases based on District needs and subject to budget limitations. FY26 working budget of \$544,061. Funding Source: General Fund

Personnel

School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
Abney	Resignation	Daugherty, Nicole	NA	PreK Para 6B	2/27/2026
Abney	Resignation	Long, Angela	NA	Kindergarten Para	2/27/2026
Hutchens	Retirement	Henderson, Lynn	NA	Kindergarten Para	5/21/2026
Hutchens	Retirement	Voyles, Janet	NA	Media Clerk	5/22/2026
McGarity	Rehire	Jones, Natalie	AUT Teacher IDEA	NA	7/27/2026
New GA	Resignation	Braun, Tamara	NA	IRR Para Local	2/13/2026
Panter	Supply	Gardner, Lisa	AUT Teacher Local	NA	2/23/2026
Panter	Resignation	Williams, Christi	NA	Kindergarten Para	5/21/2026
Poole	Retirement	Keilman, Janice	NA	Art Teacher	5/22/2026
Russom	Supply	Fountain, Paula	4th Grade Teacher	NA	3/26/2026
Crossroads MS	Retirement	Burford, Kimberly	NA	Assistant Principal (205)	2/27/2026
Crossroads MS	Rehire	Lucas, Gavin	6th Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
Moses	Retirement	Skelton, Tammy	NA	Principal	5/29/2026
Ritch	Retirement	Hatcher, Yaa	NA	6th Grade Teacher	5/22/2026

Personnel (cont.)

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Scoggins	Retirement	Eckman, Felecia	NA	8th Grade Teacher	5/22/2026
Scoggins	Retirement	Hazelip, Lee	NA	IRR Teacher Local	5/22/2026
EPHS	Resignation	Parker, Stanley	NA	JROTC Instructor	6/30/2026
EPHS	Retirement	Smith, Xarvia	NA	PE Teacher	5/22/2026
HHS	Resignation	Evans, Charity	NA	MID Teacher Local	5/22/2026
HHS	Rehire	Dorrian, Robert	IRR Teacher Local	NA	7/27/2026
HHS	Retirement	McArthur, Suzanne	NA	MOID Para Local	5/21/2026
HHS	Resignation	Wilson, Algenon	NA	Safety & Security Coordinator	2/13/2026
NPHS	Resignation	Lea, Jaime	NA	Teacher 9-12	5/22/2026
NPHS	Retirement	Malcom, Kathi	NA	MID Teacher Local	5/22/2026
NPHS	Resignation	Ross, Jermaine	NA	Teacher 9-12	5/22/2026
PCHS	Retirement	Mantell, Eric	NA	Teacher 9-12	5/22/2026
PCHS	Resignation	White, Katelynn	NA	LEAP Para Local	2/6/2026
SPHS	Resignation	Jones, Carviss	NA	IRR Teacher Local	5/22/2026
SPHS	Supply	Lak, Sasan	PE Teacher	NA	2/23/2026
SPHS	Resignation	Martin, Bethany	NA	Teacher 9-12	5/22/2026
SPHS	Resignation	Pryde, Cody	NA	IRR Teacher Local	5/22/2026
Central	New Hire	Brooks, Randall	Day Porter	NA	2/25/2026
Central	Retirement	Pearson, Betty	NA	Assistant Director of CTAE	5/29/2026
Central	New Hire	Taylor, Tammy	Day Porter	NA	2/25/2026
Central	Resignation	Young, Teddy	NA	Support Technologist II	2/9/2026
Maintenance	New Hire	Goodwin, Aaron	Building Maintenance Tech.	NA	3/16/2026
Transportation	Retirement	Ethridge, Shirley	NA	Field Coordinator	5/29/2026
PCHS	Community Coach	Hester, JoMaurie	Track	NA	2025/2026