

# NEWS *from the* BOARD

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March 24, 2026

## PCSD



*Our Mission*

*Engage.*

*Inspire.*

*Prepare.*

### BOARD OF EDUCATION:

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## Superintendent's Report

### Recognitions

The district recognized Tom Cable, Board Attorney, with a resolution honoring his receipt of the 2025 Paulding Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award. The Board also honored the passing of former board member Kim Curl with a resolution recognizing his dedication and service to the community and the Paulding County School District.

Dallas Elementary was recognized as the Spotlight School for the month of March. Tasha Adams, principal, along with Assistant Principal Karen Kirby, shared highlights of the school's ongoing initiatives and achievements.

DeeCarol Phinnessee, Chief Talent Officer, recognized the Star Staff recipients. These employees were honored earlier in the evening at a reception celebrating their contributions.

Sarah Graham, Curriculum Coordinator, and Cathy Fontenot, West GYSTC Coordinator, recognized Linda Kurtz, Engineering and Technology Teacher at Austin Middle School, for receiving the Don Cargill STEM Scholar Award. Ms. Kurtz was one of only 25 educators statewide to earn this distinction.

Amber Thesma, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, presented a [budget update](#) for FY2027. The presentation focused on preliminary revenue, expenditures, and allotments. The full presentation, along with additional materials and the [budget feedback portal](#), is available on the district website.

Mr. Barnette congratulated the North Paulding High School girls' basketball team for winning the state championship. The team will be formally recognized at the April 21 School Board Meeting.

### Upcoming Events

- April 17 —Teacher of the Year/Employee of the Year Breakfast @ GreyStone
- April 6-10—Spring Break. All schools and district offices will be closed
- April 21—Next School Board Meeting. This will be a student recognition night @ the Paulding Recreational Center

## Action

**GSBA 2026 Board Recognition Program—Approved** the level of exemplary status for the purpose of applying to the Georgia School Boards Association 2026 Board Recognition Program.

**Delegate/Alternate 2026 GSBA Summer Conference—Approved** Nick Chester as the Delegate and Trudy Sowar as the Alternate to represent the School Board at the Delegate Assembly in Savannah in June 2026.

**Renewal of HES Facilities, Inc. - Custodial Services—Approved** to renew the contract with HES Facilities, Inc., (formerly Southern Management Services, LLC), originally solicited through Request for Proposal (RFP) 19-190312 Custodial Services. FY2027 \$4,452,343 (2.0% increase effective July 1, 2026). Funding Source: General Fund

## Personnel

School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
Abney	Retirement	Forman, Mary	NA	SNP Asst. (7.25 hrs.)	5/21/2026
Abney	Resignation	Hamilton, Abigail	NA	OHI Para Local	5/21/2026
Abney	New Hire	Looka, Lynn	Safety & Security Coordinator	NA	7/27/2026
Abney	Retirement	Miller-Bristow, Tara	NA	Kindergarten Teacher	5/22/2026
Abney	Resignation	Tumey, Ellen	NA	IRR Teacher Local	5/22/2026
Allgood	Retirement	King, Karen	NA	EIP Teacher 4-5	5/22/2026
Baggett	Rehire	Rucker, Adrienne Genia	2nd Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
Baggett	Rehire	Wilson, Jennie	4th Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
Crossroads ES	Transfer	Infinger, Teresa	SNP Manager	SNP Asst. (6.5 hrs.)	7/27/2026
Dugan	Retirement	Byers, Deanna	NA	Principal	5/29/2026
Dugan	Resignation	Green, Haleigh	NA	PreK Para State	5/21/2026
Hiram	Retirement	Hayes, Janie	NA	SNP Asst. (6.5 hrs.)	5/21/2026
Hiram	Rehire	Martin, Jacquelyn	1st Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
Hiram	Resignation	Perkins, Cheyenne	NA	MOID Para Local	5/21/2026

**Personnel (cont.)**

School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
McGarity	Retirement	McMillan, Valerie	NA	Media Clerk	5/22/2026
McGarity	Retirement	Small, Patricia	NA	Kindergarten Para	5/21/2026
Nebo	Retirement	Blankinship, Susan	NA	Kindergarten Teacher	5/22/2026
Nebo	Transfer	Gill, Angela	School Secretary (203)	Clerk (185)	7/13/2026
Panter	Retirement	Driskell, Tammy	NA	SNP Asst. (6.25 hrs.)	5/21/2026
Panter	Resignation	Freeman, Natalie	NA	Kindergarten Teacher	5/22/2026
Panter	Resignation	Hepler, Michelle	NA	Media Clerk	5/22/2026
Panter	Supply	Wimberly, Karen	AUT Teacher Local	NA	4/13/2026
Poole	Supply	Whitehead, Hallie	3rd Grade Teacher	NA	4/24/2026
Ragsdale	Resignation	Callocchio, Olivia	NA	3rd Grade Teacher	5/22/2026
Roberts	Resignation	Gamel, Allison	NA	SID/PID Para Local	3/26/2026
Russom	Resignation	Coursey, Amy	NA	IRR Para Local	5/21/2026
Russom	Rehire	Hendel, Jennifer	AUT Teacher 6B	NA	7/27/2026
Russom	Supply	Trussell, Kimberly	MIMO Teacher Local	NA	3/25/2026
Shelton/Abney	Resignation	Kiper, Shelia	NA	School Nurse RN	3/9/2026
Shelton	Resignation	Sullivan, Kiana	NA	4th Grade Teacher	5/22/2026
Austin	Retirement	Sailors, Larry	NA	Principal	5/29/2026
Crossroads MS	Resignation	Graham, Robert	NA	8th Grade Teacher	5/22/2026
EPMS	Rehire	Smith, Jennifer	Engineering & Technology Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
McClure	Retirement	Gehr, Robin	NA	MID Para Local	5/21/2026

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School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
Moses	Resignation	Aultman, Sara	NA	Clerk (185)	3/6/2026
Moses	Retirement	Black, Candace	NA	6th Grade Teacher	5/22/2026
Ritch	Supply	Travitz, Tristan	Title I Teacher	NA	3/10/2026
Scoggins	Transfer	Reese, Barbara	SNP Manager	Itinerant Manager	7/27/2026
HHS	Resignation	Grace, Sharith	NA	MID Para Local	3/27/2026
PCHS	Rehire	Edwards, Nolan	Business Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
PCHS	Transfer	Morgan, Breanna	Secretary (Annual)	School Secretary (200)	4/13/2026
SPHS	Rehire	Felix-Jeantillorme, Sheri	IRR Teacher Local	NA	7/27/2026
SPHS	Rehire	Mazikowski, Pamela	Teacher 9-12	NA	7/27/2026
SPHS	Resignation	West, Bridger	NA	IRR Teacher Local	5/22/2026
SPHS	Rehire	Zito, Jared	PE Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
Central	Transfer	Hodge, Darius	Exec Dir of High School Operations	Principal	6/1/2026
Central	New Hire	Jones Darrington, Camaron	Speech Language Pathologist	NA	7/27/2026
Central	Supply	Kelley, Anna	ESOL Teacher	NA	3/5/2026
Central	Transfer	Neal, James	Exec Dir of Middle School Operations	Principal	6/1/2026
Central	Resignation	Thaxton, Nathaniel	NA	Support Technologist II	3/10/2026
Transportation	Retirement	George, Brenda	NA	Bus Driver	5/20/2026
Transportation	Retirement	Gregory, Lisa	NA	Bus Driver	5/20/2026
EPHS	Resignation-Add'l Duty	Thomas, Trevor	NA	Boys Lacrosse	3/9/2026
HHS	Community Coach	Veit, Jonathan	Soccer	NA	2025-2026
HHS	Community Coach	Wilson, Lionel	Baseball	NA	2025-2026

## Personnel Transfers

School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
BHES	Transfer	McClendon, Shamika	Counselor (188)	Counselor (185)	7/27/2026
Crossroads ES	Transfer	Fletcher, Shania	2nd Grade Teacher	3rd Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Crossroads ES	Transfer	Hicks, Khameran	5th Grade Teacher	4th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Crossroads ES	Transfer	Johnson, Erica	Counselor (188)	Counselor (185)	7/27/2026
Crossroads ES	Transfer	Riddle, Alexandra	2nd Grade Teacher	2nd Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Dugan	Transfer	Sandoval, Elizabeth	SNP Manager	SNP Manager	7/27/2026
Nebo	Transfer	Powell, Bobbie	3rd Grade Teacher	Kindergarten Teacher	7/27/2026
Northside	Transfer	Miller, Brittany	2nd Grade Teacher	5th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Northside	Transfer	Stewart, Vanessa	3rd Grade Teacher	5th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Ragsdale	Transfer	Hamel, Madisyn	1st Grade Teacher	4th Grade Teacher CoF	7/27/2026
Ragsdale	Transfer	McCleery, Shelby	1st Grade Teacher	3rd Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Roberts	Transfer	Aguirre, Shannon	1st Grade Teacher	1st Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Roberts	Transfer	Daniell, Marissa	3rd Grade Teacher	4th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Roberts	Transfer	Malanoski, Emilie	3rd Grade Teacher	4th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Roberts	Transfer	Mullinax, Jennifer	5th Grade Teacher	5th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Roberts	Transfer	Pais, Emma	2nd Grade Teacher	2nd Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Roberts	Transfer	Parker, Laurice	Kindergarten Teacher	EIP Teacher 4-5	7/27/2026
Roberts	Transfer	Walker, Alicia	Kindergarten Teacher	Kindergarten Teacher	7/27/2026
McClure	Transfer	Nixon, Lauren	Art Teacher	Art Teacher	7/27/2026
Scoggins	Transfer	Jacobson, Alexis	7th Grade Teacher	6th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
SPMS	Transfer	Mastroserio, Pietro	6th Grade Teacher	6th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
SPHS	Transfer	Peters, Suzanne	IRR Teacher Local	IRR Teacher Local	7/27/2026
SPHS	Transfer	Rollocks-Kimathi, Gail	Teacher 9-12	Teacher 9-12	7/27/2026
Central	Transfer	Bolton, Cecille	Teacher Support Specialist	ESEP Lead Teacher	7/20/2026



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 PAULDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT



## EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR!