

AGENDA FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Carmel School Council April 15, 2026

1. Call to Order

Attendees:

- Lisa Rich
- Julie Ziemecki
- Kate Henriques
- Kelsey Sandoval
- Kacie Mummert
- Jyothsna Kondamudi

Welcome! Call to order at 7:32 AM

2. Milestones

3rd Grade April 20 – April 23
4th Grade April 27 – April 30th
5th Grade May 4 – May 8
ELA scores are predicted to be delayed

3. Carmel Elementary One-Pager –

Distinguished School

Since Carmel Elementary has been nationally recognized as a Distinguished School, members of the State of Georgia Board of Education are planning a visit to see the instruction that takes place.

4. Digital Day May 19th

5. Board Policy IHA and IHE Drafts

1. Students in grades 3–12 will receive letter grades; this is a change for 3rd grade if approved
2. Grading guidelines are being revised to establish clearer, more consistent expectations as formal policy to better support students if approved.

6. Conference Days 26-27 SY 4 Days for Elementary-

- Four designated days will be set aside for elementary parent-teacher conferences.

- These scheduled days will provide protected time for more meaningful and intentional communication, strengthening partnerships between families and educators.

7. Long Range Strategic Plan-

- The current 3-year Key Priorities plan will be strengthen with a Long-Range Strategic Plan.
- This new plan will guide the district's vision and direction through 2032.

8. Reducing testing CoGAT 2nd and 4th

- The district will reduce universal CoGAT testing in 2nd and 4th grades.
- Moving forward, students will enter a referral process for eligibility.
- Qualified students will be assessed using the TABS process.

9. Elevating Excellence: At a Rate No One Can Match

- A summary document highlights the district's achievements and ongoing initiatives.
- Provides updates on how funds are being allocated to improve schools and programs.
- Emphasizes the district's commitment to maintaining a lean budget to maximize resources directly benefiting schools.