

2025-26 Key Priorities and Action Steps



ELEVATE THE EXCELLENCE 2.0

From classroom to classroom, school to school, and throughout every corner of the county, there is a pervasive eagerness for CCSD to be the highest performing district in the state of Georgia where students thrive, families are connected, and the community remains proud.

The following priorities are designed to build on the tradition of excellence for which the Cherokee County School District is widely known; and they are grounded in the insights and perspectives most commonly shared by teachers, leaders, staff, students, families, and community members.

These priorities will drive our work as an organization over the next 18-months to two years. Progress will be regularly reported to our community through the School Board meetings, and success delivering on these priorities will pave the way to the future development of a long-range strategic plan.

MAY 2026

QUARTERLY REPORT #4

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Elevate the Excellence in academics and achievement for all students.



Implementation in 2025-26

	AUG 2025	NOV 2025	FEB 2026	MAY 2026
A. Laser focus on teaching and learning including CCSD customized and board-adopted teaching and learning standards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B. New ELA and MA resources (print and digital)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C. Focus on all students reading on-grade level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1. Expand Reading screener from K-8 to K-10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Monitor reading proficiency via screener	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Pilot Orton Gillingham as a comprehensive intervention in K-3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D. Expand Math screener from K-8 to K-10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
E. Starting the One-Stop Shop for teacher resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

In Development in 2025-26

	AUG 2025	NOV 2025	FEB 2026	MAY 2026
A. A one-stop shop for the 4 core content areas for all teachers (classroom teachers, special education teachers, EL teachers, and gifted teachers)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1. Crosswalk of scope and sequence with instructional resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Exemplar lesson plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Video modules	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Exemplar student work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B. Solicitation, selection and acquisition of SC and SS resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C. Advancing our English Learner, Special Education, intervention, and gifted instructional model	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D. Clarifying the expectations for student writing at each level and aligning resources to support writing instruction as aligned with School Board Policy IFAD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
E. Develop a balanced/cohesive assessment system that coordinates the use of screeners, formative assessments, and summative assessments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Elevate the Excellence in effective School Board-Superintendent Governance

Implementation in 2025-26

	AUG 2025	NOV 2025	FEB 2026	MAY 2026
A. Supportive Accountability Governance: Align student achievement goals from the Boardroom to the Classroom	✓	✓	✓	✓
B. Board goals incorporated into the superintendent's evaluation and school improvement goals.	✓	✓	✓	✓

In Development in 2025-26

	AUG 2025	NOV 2025	FEB 2026	MAY 2026
A. Formative indicators monitored and reported over the coming year through Reading and Math Screener.	✓	✓	✓	✓
B. Reviewing promotion, retention, and grading policy	✓	✓	✓	✓
C. Development of a Strategic Plan (likely to launch a community engagement season in the spring 2026)	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Elevate the Excellence in the district's coordination and alignment of goals, systems, and processes

Implementation in 2025-26

	AUG 2025	NOV 2025	FEB 2026	MAY 2026
A. Investing in teachers and employees: Step and 3% increase	✓	✓	✓	✓
B. Employee calendar to improve daily rate	✓	✓	✓	✓
C. Increase in school-based funds	✓	✓	✓	✓
D. Introducing a Scope and Sequence of school visits and tailored school support focused on progress toward School Board student achievement goals.	✓	✓	✓	✓
1. Provide a Toolkit of School Supports based on progress toward improving student achievement outcomes.	✓	✓	✓	✓
E. Introduce the Leadership Competencies of Impactful School Leaders in CCSD	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Implementation in 2025-26

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| F. Improve continuum of behavior supports to elementary school classrooms and special education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| G. Finalize and Monitor Key Performance Indicators for all Divisions | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

In Development in 2025-26

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| A. Enhance Superintendent Leadership Academy grounded in Leadership Competencies and aligned school board accountability. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| B. Classroom Utilization study and age and condition study of facilities, campuses, and assets | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| C. Finalize Standard Equipment and Furniture List for every academic space, cafeteria, and school office space. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| D. Upgrade bus routing and parent communication (bus app) system. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| E. Inform future of CHS and CHS North based on data and community feedback sessions | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| F. Prepare for opening of replacement CHS in August 2026 and celebrate milestones of the final year of current CHS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| G. Complete Woodstock HS Addition (to occupy in August 2026),
Complete RRHS Auxiliary gym (to occupy August 2026) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| H. Progress on Sequoyah HS athletic improvements (complete December 2026). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| I. Develop plan to digitize all documents currently stored (4,000) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| J. Evaluate an Enterprise Resource Planning (for internal business process environment). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| K. Consolidation of communication tools | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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Elevate the Excellence by embracing a pervasive high-quality school environment defined by high standards, effective supports, and consistent practices.

Implementation in 2025-26

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A. Clarity and consistency continues for appropriate attire, cell phone usage, and timely submission of student work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B. Improve clarity and consistency for elementary school through updated Elementary School Code of Conduct	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C. Stronger consequences for vaping, school threats	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D. Adding body cameras for School Police and updated policy guiding appropriate use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
E. Distributing crisis alert badge covers to limit accidental activation of crisis alert badges	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
F. Implement a comprehensive employee celebration and retention plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Execute on Mission Critical Objectives 2025-26

1. Capital Improvements				
• Open Free Home ES (Replacement School)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Complete CMS Addition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Complete CVHS Addition/Renovation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Complete Teasley MS driveway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Upgrade Timekeeping to Kronos 2.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Improve Capabilities and Proficiencies with Student Info System (Synergy)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Windows 11 Upgrades	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Summer Maintenance & Custodial Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>