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May 19, 2026

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Superintendent's Report

"District News" ...

Recognitions

Congratulations to the 2,491 students who graduated this week! Their accomplishments reflect years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance, and we wish each graduate continued success in their future endeavors. [Graduation highlights can be found here.](#)

All five high schools were named 2026 State AP Honor Schools by the Georgia Department of Education, recognizing their commitment to academic excellence and student achievement.

The Paulding Rotary Club recognized Mike Cowan, Safety and Security Officer at Baggett Elementary School, as Officer of the Year for his outstanding service and dedication to the school community.

The district also proudly recognizes outstanding counseling professionals: Elizabeth Lindsey of PB Ritch Middle School was named Middle School Counselor of the Year, Amy Ellison of Dugan Elementary School was named Elementary School Counselor of the Year, and Penny Berry of East Paulding High School was named High School Counselor of the Year.

Congratulations to the 11 PCCA Energy Pathway students who signed with Greystone, Cobb EMC, and Carroll EMC for summer internship opportunities. The district extends its appreciation to its Partners in Education for their continued investment in preparing students for future careers.

The Yes, I Can! Awards ceremonies celebrated the achievements and successes of students with special needs. Special thanks were extended to the ESEP Department for hosting the event.

The 2026 School Bus Road-eeo was held at Scoggins Middle School, where 26 bus drivers demonstrated exceptional skill and professionalism through a series of driving challenges and competitions.

Families are encouraged to explore summer learning opportunities available on the district website and Facebook page to help students stay engaged and prepared for the upcoming school year.

Upcoming Events

- June 5—Classified Career Fair at DWIC beginning at 4:30PM
- June 11—Board Meeting beginning at 8:30AM

Informational Items

Tentative Budget FY27 Presentation—Amber Thesma, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, presented the FY27 Tentative Budget. Enrollment is projected at 30,628 students, representing a 0.1% increase from FY26. The presentation included an overview of projected revenues, allotments, and expenditures.

Abi Dye, Senior Accountant, reviewed grant budgets and the district's budget roadmap. The original budget presentation, along with adoption of the budget and millage rate, is scheduled to be presented on June 11, 2026.

Consent Agenda Presentations

IFB 25-250327 Flooring Removal and Installation—Approved to renew the award for Invitation for Bid (IFB) 25-250327 Flooring Removal and Installation to S & S Flooring Company, Inc., Marietta, Georgia and to Surfaces Construction Group, LLC, North Charleston, South Carolina was presented for review. This award will be for the period beginning June 2026 through May 2027. Purchases will be prioritized based on District needs and subject to budget limitations. FY2027 estimated budget of \$100,000.

IFB 24-240329 Gym Floor Refinishing—Approved to renew the award for Invitation for Bid (IFB) 24-240329 Gym Floor Refinishing, Line Items 1-29 to Meadows Flooring, LLC, Hiram, Georgia and to Stevens Gymnasiums, Inc. Cumming, Georgia was presented for review. This award will be for the period beginning June 2026 through May 2027.

Action

Five-year Local Facilities Plan Assistance Resolution—Approved a resolution that the Paulding County Board of Education is requesting the assistance of the Georgia Department of Education Facilities Section in the development of the new five-year local facilities plan to be completed by March 15, 2027.

Roberts ES Completion Certification Resolution—Approved the resolution to certify that all accounts for labor, materials, and services have been paid in full and that there are no claims of any nature outstanding, either liquidated or disputed for Roberts Elementary School, Project Number 23-710-001.

Police Force Resolution—Approved the Resolution to establish a Board of Education Police Department for the Paulding County School District.

Personnel

School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
Allgood	Transfer	Khan, Samantha	ESEP Lead Teacher	MID Teacher Local	7/20/2026
Allgood	New Hire	Neely, Olivia	MOID Teacher Local	NA	7/27/2026
Baggett	New Hire	Carrier, Shelby	1st Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
Baggett	Resignation	Loveless, Michael	NA	Gifted Teacher	5/22/2026
Baggett	Transfer	Westmoreland, Melissa	Evaluation & Assessment Coordinator	EIP Teacher 1-3	7/13/2026
BHES	Transfer	Clayton, Katie	Evaluation & Assessment Coordinator	5th Grade Teacher	7/13/2026
Crossroads ES	New Hire	Burgess, Kayla	AUT Para Local	NA	7/30/2026
Crossroads ES	New Hire	Muster, Jennifer	AUT Para Local	NA	7/30/2026
Crossroads ES	New Hire	Neal, Candace	Kindergarten Para	NA	7/30/2026
Crossroads ES	New Hire	Ramirez, Jessica	SELS Teacher Local	NA	7/27/2026
Dallas	Resignation	Johnson, Kimberly	NA	School Secretary (200)	5/4/2026
Dugan	Resignation	Deskins, Allyson	NA	1st Grade Teacher	5/22/2026
Hiram	Transfer	Holmes, Julie	Evaluation & Assessment Coordinator	Title I Instructional Coach	7/13/2026
Hiram	Resignation	Land, Virginia	NA	Evaluation & Assessment Coordinator	6/8/2026
Hiram	New Hire	Spurlock, Peyton	Title I Para	NA	7/30/2026
McGarity	Transfer	Albritton, Kimberly	Media Clerk	IRR Para Local	7/27/2026
McGarity	New Hire	Cabezas, Anna	Kindergarten Para	NA	7/30/2026
McGarity	New Hire	Hope, Jessica	Kindergarten Para	NA	7/30/2026
McGarity	Retirement	Trotter, Teresa	NA	Kindergarten Para	5/21/2026
McGarity	New Hire	Whittemore, Emily	3rd Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
Northside	New Hire	Cline, Anna	4th Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
Northside	Transfer	Zimmerman, Chynna	Evaluation & Assessment Coordinator	5th Grade Teacher	7/13/2026

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Panter	Transfer	Medlock, Laurie	Evaluation & Assessment Coordinator	3rd Grade Teacher	7/13/2026
Panter	New Hire	Steel, Elizabeth	Media Clerk	NA	7/27/2026
Poole	Rehire	Wilcox, Ronald	AUT Teacher Local	AUT Teacher Local	7/27/2026
Roberts	New Hire	Adams, Kelsey	2nd Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
Roberts	New Hire	Bartley, Jessica	1st Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
Roberts	Resignation	Lyden, Jennifer	NA	MID Para Local	5/21/2026
Roberts	Resignation	Mohammed, Shannon	NA	PreK Teacher 6B	5/22/2026
Roberts	New Hire	Owens, Ashley	3rd Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
Russom	Retirement	Barker, Debra	NA	SNP Asst. (7 hrs.)	5/21/2026
Russom	New Hire	Barker, Jana	LEAP Para Local	NA	7/30/2026
Russom	Resignation	Coursey, Amy	NA	IRR Para Local	5/21/2026
Russom	New Hire	Jasper, Danielle	Kindergarten Para	NA	7/30/2026
Russom	New Hire	Stratton, Lindsey	AUT Teacher Local	NA	7/27/2026
Shelton	Transfer	Rusterucci, Ashley	Evaluation & Assessment Coordinator	IRR Teacher Local	7/13/2026
Austin	Rehire	Crum, Leslie	8th Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
Austin	Retirement	Fisher, Sandra	NA	IRR Teacher Local	5/22/2026
Crossroads MS	Transfer	Gillis, Rachel	8th Grade Teacher	IRR Para Local	7/27/2026
Crossroads MS	Resignation	Howey, Alyce	NA	Counselor (205)	6/8/2026
Crossroads MS	New Hire	Sarratt, Erin	8th Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
Dobbins	Transfer	Pierce, Jamye	Evaluation & Assessment Coordinator	Title I Instructional Coach	7/13/2026
Dobbins	New Hire	Quintana, Lori	Media Specialist	NA	7/27/2026
EPMS	New Hire	Carper, Erin	SELS Teacher Local	NA	7/27/2026
EPMS	Resignation	Mino Cardenas, Hipatia	NA	SNP Asst. (5.5 hrs.)	5/21/2026

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EPMS	Resignation	Mohammed, Ryan	NA	PE Teacher	5/22/2026
EPMS	Resignation	Newcomer, Jo Anne	NA	SNP Asst. (5.5 hrs.)	5/21/2026
EPMS	New Hire	Withrow, Misty	Clerk (188)	NA	7/27/2026
HJMS	New Hire	Guzman, Leslie	7th Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
HJMS	Resignation	Prince, Amanda	NA	6th Grade Teacher	5/22/2026
HJMS	Rehire	Viness, David	8th Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
McClure	Rehire	Jackson, Christy	IRR Teacher Local	NA	7/27/2026
McClure	New Hire	Lucas, Taylor	8th Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
McClure	Rehire	Nicolai, Madison	MIMO Teacher Local	NA	7/27/2026
McClure	New Hire	West, Martin	7th Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
McClure	New Hire	Wimberly, Karen	MIMO Teacher Local	NA	7/27/2026
Moses	Rehire	Botts, Julie	6th Grade Teacher	Title I Teacher (49%)	7/27/2026
Moses	New Hire	Patterson, Jennifer	7th Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
Moses	Retirement	Patterson, Jill	NA	MIMO Teacher Local	5/22/2026
Ritch	Rehire	Dennison, Caryn	8th Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
Ritch	Resignation	Foster, Margaret	NA	IRR Teacher Local	5/22/2026
Ritch	Resignation	Quintana, Keanu	NA	7th Grade Teacher	5/22/2026
Scoggins	New Hire	Blakeney, Kelli	MIMO Teacher Local	NA	7/27/2026
Scoggins	Rehire	Clark, Jane	7th Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
Scoggins	New Hire	Claybrooks, Italy	7th Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
Scoggins	Rehire	Davis, Robin	IRR Teacher Local	NA	7/27/2026
Scoggins	New Hire	Preston, Carlos	IRR Teacher Local	NA	7/27/2026
Scoggins	Resignation	Radvansky, David	NA	6th Grade Teacher	5/22/2026

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Scoggins	Resignation	Shepherd, Russell	NA	IRR Teacher Local	5/22/2026
Scoggins	New Hire	Shirley, Ashley	6th Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
SPMS	New Hire	Byrd, Cortavius	Counselor (188)	NA	7/27/2026
SPMS	New Hire	Chastain, Jessica	8th Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
SPMS	New Hire	Cowan, Peggy	8th Grade Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
SPMS	Transfer	Heil, Jennifer	IRR Teacher Local	IRR Para Local	7/27/2026
SPMS	Transfer	Phillips, Claudia	IRR Teacher Local	ESEP Lead Teacher	7/27/2026
SPMS	New Hire	Smith, Daniel	IRR Para Local	NA	7/30/2026
SPMS	Resignation	Willoughby, John	NA	7th Grade Teacher	5/22/2026
EPHS	Retirement	Boyd, Anthony	NA	ISS Teacher	5/22/2026
EPHS	Rehire	Caylor, Danny	IRR Teacher Local	NA	7/27/2026
EPHS	Transfer	Munoz, Justin	Assistant Principal/AD (Annual)	Assistant Principal (205)	6/1/2026
EPHS	Transfer	Scott, Byron	Teacher 9-12	ISS Instructional Aide	7/27/2026
HHS	New Hire	McGruder, Joshua	IRR Teacher Local	NA	7/27/2026
HHS	New Hire	Shields, Treygell	MID Teacher Local	NA	7/27/2026
HHS	New Hire	Williams, Shannon	Assistant Principal (208)	NA	7/13/2026
NPHS	Rehire	Brown, Tammy	Teacher 9-12	NA	7/27/2026
NPHS	Transfer	Kane, Brian	Assistant Principal (208)	PE Teacher	7/13/2026
NPHS	Resignation	Mack, Bryan	NA	Band Director (11 Months)	6/8/2026
NPHS	Transfer	Middleton, Ratasha	SID/PID Teacher Local	Dedicated Para Local	7/27/2026
NPHS	Resignation	Morris, Jeffrey	NA	Audio Visual Teacher	5/22/2026
NPHS	Transfer	Morton, Stephanie	Assistant Principal (208)	Teacher on Assignment	7/13/2026
NPHS	Transfer	Speeney, Julie	Assistant Principal (Annual)	Assistant Principal (205)	7/1/2026
NPHS	New Hire	Walker, James	Audio Visual Teacher	NA	7/27/2026

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School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
PCHS	Resignation	Alexander, Christopher	NA	IRR Teacher Local	5/22/2026
PCHS	Transfer	Bailey, Robin	Assistant Principal (208)	Teacher 9-12	7/13/2026
PCHS	Resignation	Manning, Amber	NA	Dedicated Para Local	5/21/2026
SPHS	New Hire	Davis, Jonathan	IRR Teacher Local	NA	7/27/2026
SPHS	Resignation	Hawkins, Candi	NA	SNP Asst. (5.25 hrs.)	5/21/2026
SPHS	Rehire	Moore, Benjamin	Teacher 9-12	NA	7/27/2026
SPHS	Resignation	Wright, Kimberly	NA	Teacher 9-12	5/22/2026
NHEC	Transfer	Crutchfield, Barbara	Director of New Hope Education	Assistant Director of New Hope	6/1/2026
Central	New Hire	Alvarez, Marina	ESOL Teacher	NA	7/27/2026
Central	Transfer	Bolling, Lindsey	Literacy Coach	2nd Grade Teacher	7/13/2026
Central	Transfer	Carson, Lisa	Literacy Coach	EIP Teacher 4-5	7/13/2026
Central	Transfer	Casey, Heather	Literacy Coach	ES Teacher CoF	7/13/2026
Central	Resignation	Charvet, Roxanne	NA	ESOL Coordinator	5/14/2026
Central	Resignation	Couch, Kelli	NA	Director of Enterprise Systems	5/15/2026
Central	Transfer	Cuyler, Kimberly	Literacy Coach	3rd Grade Teacher	7/13/2026
Central	Transfer	Drumgold, Brittany	Assistant Director of CTAE	Assistant Principal (205)	6/1/2026
Central	Resignation	Eswine, Sallie	NA	School Psychologist	6/8/2026
Central	Retirement	Grecco, Mary	NA	Wage & Salary Coordinator	11/30/2026
Central	Transfer	Jernigan, Bethany	Literacy Coach	EIP Teacher 1-3	7/13/2026
Central	New Hire	Kale Mokake, Kathlyn	School Psychologist	NA	7/27/2026
Central	Transfer	McKinney, Christine	Literacy Coach	EIP Teacher 1-3	7/13/2026
Central	New Hire	Spriggs, Amanda	Day Porter	NA	5/20/2026
Central	Retirement	Turner, Burton	NA	Director of Employee Services	10/30/2026
Central	Transfer	Whitaker, Amanda	Literacy Coach	5th Grade Teacher	7/13/2026

Personnel (cont.)

School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
Transportation	Retirement	Hall, Vickie	NA	Bus Monitor	3/30/2026
Transportation	Resignation	McNaughton, Eugena	NA	Bus Monitor	5/5/2026
Transportation	Resignation	Padgett, Christy	NA	Bus Driver	5/20/2026
Transportation	Resignation	Prunty, Darnell	NA	Bus Driver	5/8/2026
Transportation	Resignation	Sorrow, Kayla	NA	Bus Driver	5/20/2026
NPHS	Community Coach	Cousens, Nicole	Tennis	NA	2025-2026

Personnel Transfers

School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
Abney	Transfer	Acevedo Liriano, Yenni	MOID Para Local	AUT Para Local	7/30/2026
Abney	Transfer	Hardy, Jacquelyn	IRR Para Local	Kindergarten Para	7/30/2026
Abney	Transfer	Looka, Jennifer	PreK Para	Kindergarten Para	7/30/2026
Abney	Transfer	McDonald, Juanita	LEAP Para Local	IRR Para Local	7/30/2026
Abney	Transfer	Partin, Sally	LEAP Para Local	MOID Para Local	7/30/2026
Baggett	Transfer	Brackett, Kristy	4th Grade Teacher	3rd Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Baggett	Transfer	DeVan, Ashley	3rd Grade Teacher	4th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Baggett	Transfer	Funk, Summer	2nd Grade Teacher	Kindergarten Teacher	7/27/2026
Baggett	Transfer	Hobbs, Wendy	4th Grade Teacher CoF	3rd Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Baggett	Transfer	Hooks, Taylor	3rd Grade Teacher	1st Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Baggett	Transfer	Tibbetts, Jacklyn	3rd Grade Teacher	1st Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Baggett	Transfer	Wells, Anna	Kindergarten Teacher	1st Grade Teacher	7/27/2026

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Baggett	Transfer	Wilson, Jennie	1st Grade Teacher	4th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Crossroads ES	Transfer	Beasley, Brenda	AUT Para Local	MID Para Local	7/30/2026
Crossroads ES	Transfer	Maycumber, Melissa	Evaluation & Assessment Coordinator	Evaluation & Assessment Coordinator	7/13/2026
Dugan	Transfer	Ball, Lauren	Kindergarten Teacher	2nd Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Dugan	Transfer	Kaiser, Elizabeth	2nd Grade Teacher	5th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Dugan	Transfer	Sherman, Tisha	EIP Teacher 1-3	2nd Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Dugan	Transfer	Wood, Sarah	1st Grade Teacher	4th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Hiram	Transfer	McClure, Karen	PreK Teacher State	PreK Teacher State	7/27/2026
McGarity	Transfer	Askew, Amber	AUT Para Local	AUT Para Local	7/30/2026
Nebo/Panter	Transfer	Riegelmayr, Thomas	PE Teacher	PE Teacher	7/27/2026
New GA	Transfer	Abdich, Jennifer	3rd Grade Teacher	2nd Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
New GA	Transfer	Curtis, Tracy	2nd Grade Teacher	1st Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
New GA	Transfer	Gentry, Lauren	1st Grade Teacher	2nd Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
New GA	Transfer	Gordon, Leslie	2nd Grade Teacher	4th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
New GA	Transfer	Osley, Courtney	Evaluation & Assessment Coordinator	Evaluation & Assessment Coordinator	7/13/2026
New GA	Transfer	Ratner, Lisa	5th Grade Teacher	3rd Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Panter	Transfer	Berryhill, Mark	5th Grade Teacher	8th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Panter	Transfer	Norman, Kristy	Title I Teacher	5th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Ragsdale	Transfer	McCrary, Elizabeth	Evaluation & Assessment Coordinator	Evaluation & Assessment Coordinator	7/13/2026
Russom	Transfer	Gravelly, Jackson	PE Teacher	PE Teacher	7/27/2026
Shelton	Transfer	Bihari, Jessica	IRR Para Local	AUT Para Local	7/30/2026
Shelton	Transfer	Daniell, Marissa	4th Grade Teacher	3rd Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Shelton	Transfer	Hutchinson, Robin	Kindergarten Teacher	2nd Grade Teacher	7/27/2026

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School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
Austin	Transfer	Schwedel, Steven	Spanish Teacher	ESOL Teacher	7/27/2026
Crossroads MS	Transfer	Willis, Erica	IRR Teacher Local	SELS Teacher Local	7/27/2026
Dobbins	Transfer	Roark, Vanessa	AUT Para Local	IRR Para Local	7/30/2026
EPMS	Transfer	Cherry, Cameron	PE Teacher	SELS Teacher Local	7/27/2026
EPMS	Transfer	Langford, Tricia	Evaluation & Assessment Coordinator	Evaluation & Assessment Coordinator	7/13/2026
EPMS	Transfer	Mateja, Kathleen	AUT Para Local	Dedicated Para Local	7/30/2026
HJMS	Transfer	Giglio, Alyssa	6th Grade Teacher	7th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
McClure	Transfer	Andrews, Lisa	8th Grade Teacher	7th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
McClure	Transfer	Willis, Alicia	IRR Teacher Local	6th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Moses	Transfer	Boston, Rebecca	6th Grade Teacher	8th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Moses	Transfer	Eaves, Elisabeth	8th Grade Teacher	6th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Moses	Transfer	Torres, Donna	8th Grade Teacher	6th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
Ritch	Transfer	DeCuir, Pansy	IRR Para Local	ISS Instructional Aide	7/30/2026
SPMS	Transfer	Holland, George	7th Grade Teacher	8th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
SPMS	Transfer	Holland, Natasha	6th Grade Teacher	7th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
SPMS	Transfer	Keeter, Rebecca	6th Grade Teacher	7th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
SPMS	Transfer	Loudermilk, Margaret	7th Grade Teacher	8th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
SPMS	Transfer	Mastroserio, Pietro	8th Grade Teacher	6th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
SPMS	Transfer	Price, Gidget	6th Grade Teacher	8th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
SPMS	Transfer	Tillery, Jordan	Reading Recovery Teacher	6th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
SPMS	Transfer	Walls, Ami	IRR Teacher Local	Reading Recovery Teacher	7/27/2026
EPHS	Transfer	Steffey, Teresa	Teacher 9-12	6th Grade Teacher	7/27/2026
NPHS	Transfer	Goodfriend, Shannon	Dedicated Para Local	IRR Para Local	7/30/2026

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School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
PCHS	Transfer	Hatfield, Joshua	IRR Para Local	MID Para Local	7/30/2026
PCHS	Transfer	Reynolds, Ashley	Dedicated Para Local	Dedicated Para Local	7/30/2026
SPHS	Transfer	Pittman, Lori	School Nurse LPN	School Nurse LPN	7/30/2026
NHEC	Transfer	Armstrong, Elizabeth	Alternative Education Teacher	Teacher 9-12	7/27/2026
NHEC	Transfer	Watkins, Shannon	Teacher 9-12	Alternative Education Teacher	7/27/2026
Central	Transfer	Ricketson, Meghan	ESOL Teacher	French Teacher	7/27/2026
Central	Transfer	Sabaka, Samuel	ESEP Coordinator	Coordinator of Student Supports & Services	7/1/2026
Central	Transfer	Summers, Amanda Rose	Coordinator of Student Supports & Services	Coordinator of Prevention & Intervention	7/1/2026

