

**Cartersville Middle School
School Governance Team
May 19, 2026**

- I. Welcome – Good Things
 - a. Successful Tour of Georgia and Tour of Bartow for 8th grade
 - b. Mrs. Montgomery's son graduating from CHS
 - c. Mrs. Kennedy's son graduation college & starting new job
- II. Staffing
 - a. All teaching and paraprofessionals full
 - b. Registrar only opening
- III. FY27 Bell Schedule
 - a. Daily Intervention Time/Canes Time
 - b. Instructional time remains almost the same
 - i. 65 minutes, now 60 minutes
- IV. Honors Night
 - a. Wednesday Night
 - b. Storm center if rain
- V. SGT Bylaws – vote to accept
 - a. No changes suggested
- VI. FY27 Proposed Meeting Dates – 4 meetings a year
 - i. September 29
 - ii. December 1
 - iii. February 16
 - iv. April 27
- VII. Strategic Update
 - a. 3 Goals based on data – Communication, Safety, etc.
 - b. Focus on evidence, what we need to do to improve
 - c. 287 parents participated in survey
 - d. Hopes & Dreams
 - i. Parents want a wholistic preparation for life
 - ii. Consistent communications – align timing
 - iii. Balance Curriculum & Instruction
 - iv. Individualized Support & Enrichment
 - v. School-Family Partnerships
 - e. Family needs
 - i. Improve Communication & Responsiveness



Mission:

We inspire all students to build the skills and confidence to find their passions and achieve their goals.

School Improvement Goals:

Literacy

Foster a culture of literacy excellence where collaborative teams use data to design engaging, differentiated instruction that meets the diverse needs of all students. Through targeted strategies, personalized reading support, and ongoing progress monitoring, we will enhance comprehension and raise student Lexile levels.

Capturing Kids' Hearts and Positive Student

Foster a positive and engaging classroom culture by explicitly teaching academic behaviors, incorporating Capturing Kids' Hearts (CKH) strategies, and recognizing and incentivizing positive student behavior to support both academic and social-emotional growth.

Student Achievement

Increase the number of students achieving Distinguished or Proficient scores on the Georgia Milestones by implementing targeted instruction, data-driven interventions, and ongoing progress monitoring.

- ii. Support for Diverse Students' Needs
 - 1. Psychology Today – tool available to all students to filter psychologists to target student needs⁴
 - iii. Behavior Supports
- f. Safety & Security
 - i. Proactive approach to bullying and conflicts
 - ii. Transparency
 - iii. Mental Health
 - iv. Visitor Management – CMS has strict policy
- g. Communication
 - i. Timely
 - ii. Multilingual
 - iii. Two-way dialog - email
- h. Classroom Rigor
 - i. Hands on and project based
 - ii. Differentiated instruction

VIII. Principal Update

a.

	5/18/26	3/30/26	2/16/26	1/23/26	8/7/2025
6th	375	372	375	379	373
7th	374	373	373	373	362
8th	354	352	352	353	353
Total	1103	1097	1100	1105	1088

IX. Cell Phone Bill

- a. CMS already follows no cell phone policy
- b. Next year, no watches/bluetooth headphones
- c. High school will take effect in 2 years