

# NEWS *from the* BOARD

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October 13, 2026

## PCSD



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## Superintendent's Report

### "District News"...

Jana Stegall, Business & Community Outreach, recognized Coosa Valley Credit Union as the October Partner in Education. She highlighted the credit union's generous contributions and continued support of Paulding County School District.

Ms. Stegall also presented the PCSD Peach Education Tax Credit Project. Georgia individuals and corporations can donate to public education via the PEACH Education Tax Credit and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on their Georgia state income taxes. [Click here](#) for more information.

Mr. Barnette recognized the School Board for receiving the 2026 GSBA Exemplary Award, the highest level of achievement in the Georgia School Boards Association's Governance Team Recognition Program. The district's press release announcing this accomplishment is available on the district website.

Dr. Tiffany Frachiseur, Associate Superintendent, presented the district's 2026 graduation rate of **92.4%**, the highest in district history. She also highlighted SAT performance, with district scores exceeding both state and national levels. Advanced Placement (AP) exam participation increased by 92%, with an AP pass rate of 75.8%.



Anna Durham, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Monthly Financial Update for August 2026, outlining key fiscal activities and current budget performance. Congratulations to the Business Services department for the Meritorious Budget Award from the Association of School Business Officials International for excellence in the preparation and issuance of its budget.

Thank you for RKR Construction, Verkada and the School Board for their support of the PCSD Back the Badge Fund program. The fund provides opportunities to recognize, appreciate, and support the school police officers who serve Paulding County's students, staff, and families. [Click here](#) to donate.

### Upcoming Events

October 16—Remote Learning Day

October 19-20—Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 27—Next Board Meeting at the Paulding Recreational Center at 5:30PM

November 3—Staff Workday

## Point of Information

**FY2027 CTAE Top State for Talent Equipment Grants**—Paulding County School District has been awarded \$198,225 in state-funded Top State for Talent Equipment Grants through the Georgia Department of Education. These grants help schools equip Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) labs for hands-on learning in high-demand career fields, strengthening students' career preparation and aligning instruction with workforce needs.

## Operational and Organizational Excellence

**IFB 24-230817 Playground Mulch**—Approve to renew Invitation for Bid (IFB) 24-230817 Playground Mulch to Preferred Mulch, LLC, Dallas, Georgia. This award will be for the period beginning November 2026 through October 2027. This is the third of three one-year renewal terms. Renewal Contract Amount \$100,672.20 (3% increase effective November 1, 2026)

**IFB 24-230918 Asphalt Paving**—Approve to renew Invitation for Bid (IFB) 24-230918 Asphalt Paving to The Surface Masters, Inc., Marietta, Georgia. This award will be for the period beginning November 2026 through October 2027. This is the third of four one-year renewal terms. Purchases will be based on District needs and subject to budget limitations. FY2027 tentative budget of \$100,000.

## Action

**Resolution 26-04: Authorizing an Offer and Purchase of Real Property**—Authorize the Board Chair and Superintendent to approve Resolution 26-04: Authorizing an Offer and Purchase of Real Property.

**Nonbinding Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Commissioners**—Authorize the Board Chair and Superintendent to approve the Nonbinding Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Commissioners.



## Personnel

| School        | Status      | Employee            | New Position             | Old Position       | Effective Date |
|---------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| BHES          | Resignation | Lee, Dakota         | NA                       | Security Guard     | 9/25/2026      |
| Dugan         | Retirement  | Atkins, Sheryl      | NA                       | 2nd Grade Teacher  | 9/30/2026      |
| Dugan         | New Hire    | Brown, Emmanita     | AUT Para Local           | NA                 | 10/14/2026     |
| Dugan         | New Hire    | Echols, QuaShaunda  | 2nd Grade Teacher        | NA                 | 10/14/2026     |
| Hiram         | New Hire    | Spurlock, Laura     | Bookkeeper (203)         | NA                 | 10/14/2026     |
| Northside     | New Hire    | Weir, Wayzaro       | AUT Para Local           | NA                 | 10/14/2026     |
| Poole         | Transfer    | Crawford, William   | School Resource Officer  | Sergeant           | 10/14/2026     |
| Ragsdale      | Resignation | McKinley, Caitlyn   | NA                       | Kindergarten Para  | 9/25/2026      |
| Roberts       | New Hire    | Ford, Jeffrey       | MOID Para Local          | NA                 | 10/14/2026     |
| Russom        | Resignation | Carswell, Kristina  | NA                       | LEAP Para Local    | 9/25/2026      |
| Union         | Resignation | Craven, Laci        | NA                       | School Nurse RN    | 9/25/2026      |
| Crossroads MS | New Hire    | Newman, Jessica     | MID Para Local           | NA                 | 10/14/2026     |
| Dobbins       | New Hire    | Ford, Mary          | Reading Recovery Teacher | NA                 | 10/14/2026     |
| HJMS          | Resignation | Carswell, Donna     | NA                       | Security Guard     | 9/29/2026      |
| McClure       | New Hire    | Pellegrin, Madison  | MOID Para Local          | NA                 | 10/14/2026     |
| Moses         | Retirement  | McCord, Kristy      | NA                       | 6th Grade Teacher  | 12/18/2026     |
| Ritch         | Supply      | McWhorter, Patricia | Title I Teacher          | NA                 | 9/25/2026      |
| Ritch         | Supply      | Woodard, Stephanie  | Art Teacher              | NA                 | 10/5/2026      |
| EPHS          | Supply      | Goethe, Susan       | Counselor (208)          | NA                 | 10/5/2026      |
| EPHS          | Retirement  | Hall, Avery         | NA                       | SELS Teacher Local | 12/18/2026     |
| EPHS          | Retirement  | Pugh, Khutsana      | NA                       | Teacher 9-12       | 6/30/2026      |

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|----------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------|
| HHS            | New Hire    | Barcenes, Saira     | SNP Asst. (5.75 hrs.)                          | NA                                     | 10/14/2026     |
| HHS            | New Hire    | Horne, Elisha       | IRR Para Local                                 | NA                                     | 10/14/2026     |
| PCHS           | New Hire    | Hicks, Elisha       | Dedicated Para 6B                              | NA                                     | 10/14/2026     |
| SPHS           | Supply      | Gammon, Kristi      | Assistant Principal (238)                      | NA                                     | 10/23/2026     |
| Central        | New Hire    | Barron, Ashley      | SNP Itinerant Manager                          | NA                                     | 10/19/2026     |
| Central        | Transfer    | Black, Cody         | Cybersecurity Engineer                         | Customer Care Technologist             | 10/14/2026     |
| Central        | New Hire    | Dunn, Rylee         | Support Technologist II                        | NA                                     | 10/14/2026     |
| Central        | Transfer    | Hicks, Laterica     | Director of Employee Services & Compensation   | Coordinator of Compensation & Benefits | 11/2/2026      |
| Central        | Retirement  | Hydrick, Julie      | NA                                             | Accounting Support Specialist          | 3/31/2027      |
| Central        | New Hire    | Robbins, Lindsey    | Psychologist (49%)                             | NA                                     | 10/14/2026     |
| Central        | Transfer    | Renteria, Christine | Coordinator of Substitute & Absence Management | HR Secretary II                        | 10/14/2026     |
| Transportation | Resignation | Brooks, Samuel      | NA                                             | Bus Driver                             | 9/24/2026      |
| Transportation | New Hire    | Butler, Audrey      | Bus Driver                                     | NA                                     | 10/14/2026     |
| Transportation | Resignation | Gonzalez, Sonya     | NA                                             | Bus Driver                             | 9/25/2026      |
| Transportation | Transfer    | Harris, Lisa        | Bus Driver                                     | Bus Monitor                            | 10/14/2026     |
| Transportation | Resignation | Langston, Patricia  | NA                                             | Bus Driver                             | 9/25/2026      |
| Transportation | New Hire    | Satterfield, James  | Bus Driver                                     | NA                                     | 10/14/2026     |
| Transportation | New Hire    | Smith, Timothy      | Bus Driver                                     | NA                                     | 10/14/2026     |

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|--------|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| EPHS   | Additional Duty        | Burrell, Melissa | Head Girls Lacrosse  | NA                   | 9/18/2026      |
| PCHS   | Additional Duty        | Reynolds, Ralph  | Assistant Boys Track | NA                   | 9/21/2026      |
| SPHS   | Resignation-Add'l Duty | Parham, Takia    | NA                   | Assistant Boys Track | 9/14/2026      |
| SPHS   | Additional Duty        | Parham, Takia    | Assistant Wrestling  | NA                   | 9/15/2026      |
| EPHS   | Community Coach        | Baker, Cody      | Wrestling            | NA                   | 10/13/2026     |
| EPHS   | Community Coach        | Fincher, Carl    | Wrestling            | NA                   | 10/13/2026     |
| EPHS   | Community Coach        | Mangin, Justin   | Wrestling            | NA                   | 10/13/2026     |

## Personnel Transfers

| School   | Status   | Employee        | New Position       | Old Position       | Effective Date |
|----------|----------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Baggett  | Transfer | Harris, Wendy   | AUT Teacher Local  | SELS Teacher Local | 7/24/2026      |
| Baggett  | Transfer | Kimble, Laticha | MOID Teacher Local | MIMO Teacher Local | 7/24/2026      |
| Hutchens | Transfer | Gross, Kaiya    | MOID Para Local    | IRR Para Local     | 9/14/2026      |
| Hutchens | Transfer | Smith, Kelle    | IRR Para Local     | MOID Para Local    | 9/14/2026      |
| EPMS     | Transfer | Williams, Breon | IRR Para Local     | MOID Para Local    | 7/30/2026      |
| Ritch    | Transfer | Hill, Stephanie | AUT Para Local     | MID Para Local     | 10/14/2026     |