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October 27, 2026

PCSD

Our Mission

Engage.

Inspire.

Prepare.

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Superintendent's Report

"District News"…

Recognizing our Students and Staff

Tuesday's Board Meeting was held at the Paulding County Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs building and was dedicated to celebrating the outstanding achievements of students across the district. The evening opened with the Presentation of Colors by the South Paulding High School JROTC, followed by a performance of the National Anthem by the Panter Elementary Chorus.

Roberts ES, Ritch MS and SPHS AIM Academy were spotlighted for achieving their Cognia STEM Certification. Additional recognitions included Character In Action students who exemplified the traits of *courtesy* and *patriotism*. Fine Arts in Action students were also honored for their elementary artwork that will be featured in the Central Office Gallery rotation.

Click here for all the School Board Recognitions photos!

Congratulations to the NPHS Wolfpack Pride Marching Band for earning the 2026 Greater Atlanta Marching Festival Grand Champions!!



District Highlights

Mr. Barnette highlighted the Graduation Rate of 92.4%, the highest in district history. He also celebrated another year of growth in SAT scores, continuing the district's positive academic progress.

Thank you to everyone that has supported the Back The Badge 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

A community conversation will take place on Monday, November 16th at 6:00PM at Ritch MS. This Strategic Planning Engagement Session will give the district an opportunity to hear directly from stakeholders across Paulding County and gather meaningful input that will help guide our work for years to come.

Thursday, November 12th at Scoggins MS at 6:30PM the district will hold a community conversation to discuss a proposal to construct a new school to serve elementary students in Southwest Paulding County.

Approval of Consent Agenda

IFB 24-230817 Playground Mulch—Approved 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—Approved 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.

Personnel

School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
Abney	Supply	Johnson, Tamara	IRR Teacher Local	NA	11/30/2026
Abney	Resignation	McDonald, Juanita	NA	LEAP Para Local	10/23/2026
Allgood	New Hire	Cochran, Jessica	SNP Asst. (5 hrs.)	NA	10/28/2026
Allgood	Resignation	Givens Hammond, Antonio	NA	ES Para CoF	10/16/2026
Baggett	New Hire	Childers, Adaliene	IRR Teacher Local	NA	10/28/2026
Baggett	Supply	Hagle, Christina	4th Grade Teacher	NA	10/20/2026
BHES	Supply	Sullivan, Dana	3rd Grade Teacher	NA	10/20/2026
Crossroads ES	New Hire	Strickland, Amie	SNP Asst. (6 hrs.)	NA	10/28/2026
Dallas	Retirement	Leptrone, Deborah	NA	Music Teacher	10/30/2026
Dugan	Rescind	Brown, Emmanita	NA	AUT Para Local	10/14/2026
Dugan	New Hire	Bryant, Raven	SNP Asst. (5 hrs.)	NA	10/28/2026
Hiram	Rescind	Spurlock, Laura	NA	Bookkeeper (203)	10/14/2026
Hiram	Transfer	Taylor, Marlena	Bookkeeper (203)	Clerk	10/28/2026
Nebo	New Hire	Costales, Theresa	SNP Asst. (5 hrs.)	NA	10/28/2026
New GA	New Hire	Allen, Heather	AUT Para Local	NA	10/28/2026
Northside	Retirement	Gassett, Betty	NA	Assistant Principal (208)	11/30/2026

Personnel (cont.)

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Panter	New Hire	Freeman, Cayla	EBD Para Local	NA	10/28/2026
Ragsdale	New Hire	Kuck, Ryley	Kindergarten Para	NA	10/28/2026
Ragsdale	New Hire	McCallum, Charlene	SNP Asst. (6 hrs.)	NA	10/28/2026
Ragsdale	New Hire	Wyatt, Alyssa	Kindergarten Para	NA	10/28/2026
Roberts	Resignation	Ford, Jeffrey	NA	MOID Para Local	10/16/2026
Russom	New Hire	Wicks, Selina	SNP Asst. (5 hrs.)	NA	10/28/2026
Russom	New Hire	Young-Johnson, Connie	LEAP Para Local	NA	10/28/2026
Shelton	New Hire	Stump, Christopher	SNP Asst. (5 hrs.)	NA	10/28/2026
Union	New Hire	Gardner, Tricia	School Nurse LPN	NA	10/28/2026
Union	New Hire	Mendoza, Erica	SNP Asst. (5 hrs.)	NA	10/28/2026
Scoggins	New Hire	Bolanos Cardona, Maria	SNP Asst. (5 hrs.)	NA	10/28/2026
EPHS	Supply	Boynton, Kim	Teacher 9-12	NA	10/21/2026
NPHS	New Hire	Lester, Shadderricka	SNP Asst. (5 hrs.)	NA	10/28/2026
NPHS	New Hire	Ramos, Natasha	SNP Asst. (5 hrs.)	NA	10/28/2026
PCHS	Resignation	Foster, Phyllis	NA	IRR Teacher Local	10/23/2026
PCHS	Resignation	Knighton, Jill	NA	Math Intervention Teacher	10/23/2026
SPHS	New Hire	Hartigan, Joshua	Public Safety Teacher	NA	10/28/2026
SPHS	New Hire	Newton, Brittany	SNP Asst. (5 hrs.)	NA	10/28/2026
Central	Retirement	Cline, Cynthia	NA	ESEP Clerk	3/31/2027
Central	Transfer	Whitfield, Shelly	Accounting Support Specialist	Bookkeeper (203)	10/28/2026
Maintenance	Retirement	Plummer, Darrell	NA	HVAC Lead	12/31/2026
Transportation	Resignation	Makendi, Isaac	NA	Bus Driver	10/19/2026
HHS	Resignation-Add'l Duty	Merchant, Mark	NA	9th Grade Assistant Football	10/7/2026
HHS	Additional Duty	Ashe, Michelle	9th Grade Assistant Football (50%)	NA	10/8/2026

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HHS	Additional Duty	Holmes, Charlotte	9th Grade Assistant Football	NA	10/8/2026
SPHS	Additional Duty	Woods, Kaitlin	Head Swim	NA	2026/2027
EPHS	Community	Lovejoy, Destinee	Basketball	NA	2026/2027
EPHS	Community Coach	Napolitano-Maupin, Avery	Cheerleading	NA	2026/2027
EPHS	Community	Rosser, Mario	Basketball	NA	2026/2027
PCHS	Community	East, Brian	Cheerleading	NA	2026/2027
SPHS	Community	Beecham, Charles	Softball	NA	2026/2027

Personnel Transfers

School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
Baggett	Transfer	Warren, Cheryl	MOID Para Local	MID Para Local	10/19/2026
PCHS	Transfer	Ferebee, Marcus	IRR Teacher Local	IRR Teacher Local	10/26/2026
Central	Transfer	Bertaut, Allyson	Support Technologist III	Customer Care Tech	10/28/2026

