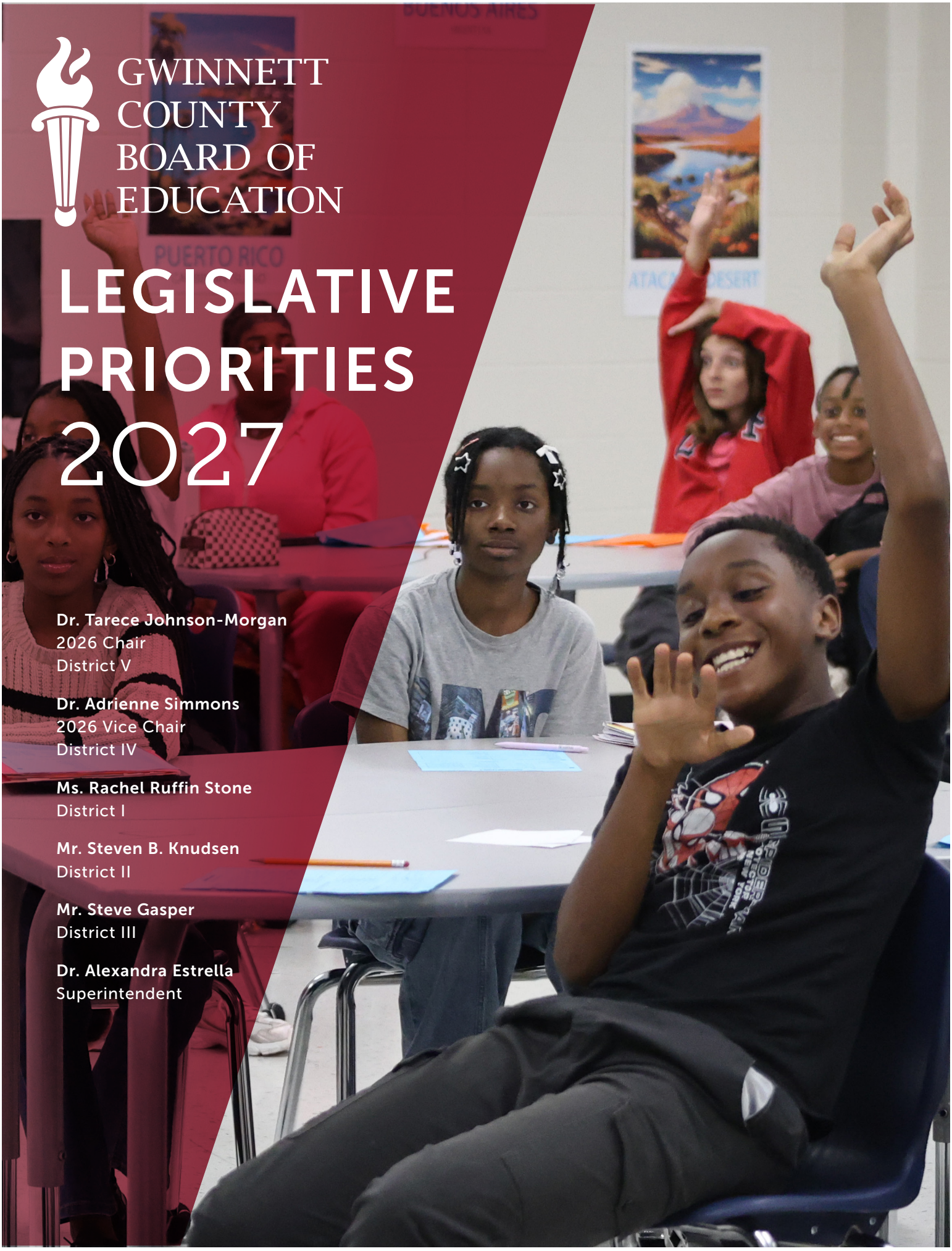
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The Gwinnett County Board of Education annually adopts Legislative Priorities that support the vision, mission, and goals of Gwinnett County Public Schools as well as the district's strategic priorities of **Empathy, Equity, Effectiveness,** and **Excellence**.

The Board asks the Gwinnett County Legislative Delegation to support the following Legislative Priorities during the 2027 session of the Georgia General Assembly.

Modernize and Strengthen K-12 Funding

- Full funding of the Quality Basic Education (QBE) formula *(O.C.G.A. 20-2-130 through 20-2-329.2)*.
- A permanent student poverty weight within the QBE formula *SB284 (2024 Did not pass) HB3 (2025 Did not pass)*.
- Strengthening services for diverse learners such as Multilingual Learners (MLLs) *HB538 (2023) HB1193 (2026)* and students with disabilities.
- State actions in offsetting the increasing costs of the employer portion of non-certified employees and school board member health insurance.
- Restoring state funding of school transportation back to the late 1990s and early 2000s levels of around 50%. Current funding levels are only around 20%, placing a significant financial burden on local school districts and local property taxes.
- Expanding student mental health funding and support services *HB1013 (2022) HB268 (2025) SB589 (2026)*.
- Expanding after school and summer school learning opportunities *(Established State Budget Line Item (2025) HB1123 (2026)*.

Advancing Academic Excellence for All Students

- A comprehensive, appropriately funded, Early Learning Program to promote increased literacy rates and improve overall K–12 student achievement *HB1193/ HB1123/SB554 (2026)*.
- Continued implementation funding for Georgia's literacy *HB538 (2023) HB1193 (2026)* and numeracy initiatives *SB171 (2025) HB1030 (2026)*.
- Additional state funding and resources for comprehensive screening, early identification, evidence-based interventions and specialized educational supports for students with learning disabilities and diverse learning needs *SB48 (implemented SY2024-25) HB538 (2023) HB307 (2025)*, along with expanded special education resources and improved transition services for students with disabilities.
- Increased support for family engagement programs.

Strengthen Student College, Career, and Workforce Readiness

- Increased CTAE funding and opportunities *HB982 (2024), HB1302 (2026)*.
- Expansion of dual enrollment opportunities *SB86 (2023)*.
- Enhanced support for work-based learning and apprenticeship programs.
- State incentives for business and industry partnerships with public schools.
- Increased funding for high-demand career pathways in:
  - Artificial Intelligence
  - Cybersecurity
  - Healthcare
  - Engineering

Invest in Teacher and School Leader Workforce Development and Retention

- State-funded teacher salary increases including supplements for teachers serving students in the most restrictive environments
- Increased funding for educator preparation partnerships with Georgia colleges and universities *HB1084 (2022) HB1193 (2026) HB1030 (2026)*.
- Enhanced incentives for teachers in high-demand fields *HB385 (2022) SB150 (2026)* including:
  - Special Education
  - Mathematics
  - Science
  - Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE)
  - English Learner instruction
- Loan forgiveness and housing assistance programs for educators.
- Protections for teacher planning time *HB1244 (2026 Did not pass)*.