

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019



General Information

Enrollment by School:

- Blackwell Learning Center – 174
 - ECPS – 490
 - ECES – 644
 - ECMS – 966
 - ECCHS - 811
- Total Students - 3085

Data Wall – Thank you to Kim Fuller for completing updates to the Data Wall here at the Board Office. By externalizing our data in this fashion, we are able to identify trends, collaborate on strategies, celebrate gains, and highlight opportunities for growth.

Welcome to Ms. Carla Peck, Special Education Coordinator: We are pleased to welcome Ms. Carla Peck to the Elbert County Educational Team. Ms. Peck moves into her new role with substantial experience in Special Education and School Administration. She has served as a special education teacher, special education department chair, middle school assistant principal, and high school assistant principal.

Superintendent's Annual Report: At this month's regular meeting on Monday, September 16, I will provide the Board and the school community with the 2019-2020 Annual Report. The report includes financial information and academic data, as well as enrollment, staff, and physical asset summaries.

Facility Footprint Planning

James Wilson of Education Planners met with Assistant Superintendent Jon Jarvis, CFO Keith Martin and me on Wednesday, September 4 to begin building a timeline for completion of a Master Facilities Plan. Specialists from Education Planners will be on site at our schools (as soon as this week) to look closely at our management and utilization of the instructional spaces in each of our schools. They will look at them while students are present in the schools, and then again, outside of the regular school day. All other Elbert County School District facilities will also be toured and inventoried in these early stages of the facility footprinting process.

Monthly updates on our work with Education Planners will be provided.

GSBA Leading Edge Award Entry

Our school district has submitted an application for recognition of our Transitional Kindergarten class at Elbert County Primary School. The GSBA Leading Edge Award seeks to highlight school districts who are leading the way in ensuring students are competitive in an ever-changing world. Mrs. Kelly Hall's transitional kindergarten classes offer targeted students an additional year of early education, with the goal of promoting their success in school. Transitional Kindergarten is purposefully designed to be a transition between preschool and kindergarten, and allows Mrs. Hall to modify the kindergarten curriculum to make it age and developmentally appropriate for her students. We are extremely pleased with the results of this program since implementation in the 2017-2018 school year.

Classified Employee of the Month

At next week's regular meeting, we will resume recognition of a Classified Employee of the Month for outstanding dedication to their job and for going the extra mile in service to our school district.