



# COLQUITT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## COMMUNICATIONS BULLETIN

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### UPCOMING ACCREDITATION

Over the next year, the Colquitt County School District will embark on renewing its accreditation credential with COGNIA (formerly known as AdvancED, SACS, and CASI). COGNIA has updated the performance standards by which they support a school system's improvement over time through a peer review process.



### CULTURE OF LEARNING - WHAT IT MEANS

A good institution nurtures and sustains a healthy culture for learning. In a healthy culture, learners, parents, and educators feel connected to the purpose and work of the institution as well as behave in alignment with the stated values and norms. The institution also demonstrates evidence that reflects the mission, beliefs, and expectations of the institution (e.g., student work; physical appearance of the institution; participation in institution activities; parents' attendance at institution functions).

- STANDARD 1** - Leaders cultivate and sustain a culture that demonstrates respect, fairness, equity, and inclusion and is free from bias.
- STANDARD 2** - Learners' well-being is at the heart of the institution's guiding principles, such as mission, purpose, and beliefs.
- STANDARD 3** - Leaders actively engage stakeholders to support the institution's priorities and guiding principles that promote learners' academic growth and well-being.
- STANDARD 4** - Learners benefit from a formal structure that fosters positive relationships with peers and adults.
- STANDARD 5** - Professional staff members embrace effective collegiality and collaboration in support of learners.
- STANDARD 6** - Professional staff members receive the support they need to strengthen their professional practice.

For more information on [COGNIA's accreditation standards](#), click the link.

### COLQUITT COUNTY TEACHERS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

**New Office Location:**  
1833 Park Avenue SE  
Moultrie, GA 31768

**Contact Information:**  
229-890-6214  
[cctfcu@colquitt.k12.ga.us](mailto:cctfcu@colquitt.k12.ga.us)

**Hours:**  
Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm;  
Friday - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm; Lobby Opens - 9:00 am



### Packer Business Partners

**Irene's Kitchen**  
Kizzie Williams,  
Worketh Williams, and  
Stringfellow Elementary  
Principal Brian Knighton



### CONGRATULATIONS 2023-2024 REACH SCHOLARS

The 2023 Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen (REACH) Scholars are Joseph Hullett, Nadiya Moore, Leah Vining, Justese Walker, and Ny'Aysia Zeigler. These five students were selected by a community selection committee for this amazing opportunity to further their education.



(Pictured left to right: Ny'Aysia Zeigler, Justese Walker, Nadiya Moore, Joseph Hullett, and Leah Vining.)

Former Governor Nathan Deal launched REACH in 2012 as a key initiative of Complete College Georgia. School systems partner with REACH and identify academically promising eighth-grade students to receive REACH Scholarships. Scholars are paired with a mentor and an academic coach through high school. Scholars must maintain good grades (2.5 GPA), behavior, and attendance. Upon graduation from high school, scholars are awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to be used at a Georgia HOPE-eligible two- or four-year college. Some colleges have pledged to double or triple the scholarship for REACH Scholars.

### PAYROLL CHECKS

Payroll checks will be distributed December 15th & January 26th.



### PACKED WITH LOVE

The School Nutrition Pre-Game Supper Team (pictured above) is #PACKedwithLove! As of November 3rd, the school nutrition staff that assists with pre-game suppers had prepared about 8,000 meals and over 10,000 cinnamon rolls. This crew does their normal daily routine of serving breakfast and lunch and preparing meals for every home game to help raise funds for different schools in the district.

We will be recognizing departments PACKED with Love each month that are showing commitment to our priority of customer service and our motto of Each Day - Excellence In Every Way!

### COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION 2024 MEETING DATES



[Click here to share a PACKER POINT OF PRIDE!](#)

### FUNDRAISERS

If your student organization, school, athletic program, or district affiliate club is doing a fundraiser of any kind coming up, don't forget to let us know so we can share it on the [Fundraiser Page](#). Email the information to [communicationsoffice@colquitt.k12.ga.us](mailto:communicationsoffice@colquitt.k12.ga.us).



If you know of a business that offers a perk to school district employees, feel free to share via email with [communicationsoffice@colquitt.k12.ga.us](mailto:communicationsoffice@colquitt.k12.ga.us). Current Packer Perks are listed [here](#).

### PACKED WITH LOVE E-CARDS

Additional cards have been added to the PACKed With Love website. Send someone a [PACKed With Love E-card](#) today!



### EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Employee Assistance Programs (EAP) are confidential support services offered to employees and their household family members. Individuals are entitled to up to three (3) FREE counseling sessions per person annually. Click the link for more information: [Employee Assistance Programs \(EAP\)](#).



**Each Day - Excellence In Every Way!**