



COLQUITT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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2023 - 2024 PRIORITIES

Welcome back to the 2023-2024 school year! We hope you are excited to reconnect with students, families, and one another.

Superintendent Wiggins would like to remind everyone of our priorities that began last school year. Priorities as critical as these take everyone's commitment. Together, we will accomplish great things.



Academic Achievement - We have continued to work on enhancing the curriculum at all levels, providing more educational opportunities for all learners, and setting achievement goals that will give students a firm foundation for lifelong learning.



Customer Service is a focus and a priority for us in that we understand that parents and guardians have choices when it comes to their child's education. We want to make sure that we're providing the best possible customer service we can so those parents and guardians feel confident that we're the best option for their child.



School Safety - In addition to the School Safety Director, who conducts complete walk-throughs of our campuses identifying areas of concern, we have implemented lockdown drills in conjunction with local law enforcement, installed additional exterior fencing, updated the Centegix Crisis badge system, installed secure glass walls with 3M safety/security films, and implemented a clear bag requirement at all football games.



Vision

Growing All Students Locally to Lead Globally



Mission

Together, we educate and support the whole-child at the highest level.



Beliefs

- All students can be successful.
- All students deserve a high-quality education in a safe and nurturing environment.
- All students and families are a valued, respected part of the learning community.
- All stakeholders need positive interactions in order to collaborate and engage students in relevant, standard-driven coursework.

[Strategic Plan of Action | 2022-2027](#)

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

[Brian Beatty](#) - Sunset Elementary Principal
[Michelle Daniels](#) - Norman Park Elementary Principal
[Allen Edwards](#) - G.E.A.R. Coordinator
[Kristyn Nelms](#) - Hamilton Elementary Principal
[Dr. Josh Purvis](#) - Williams Middle School Principal
[Kati Strickland](#) - Funston Elementary Principal
[Jennifer Turnbull](#) - Human Resources Director

[Click here for more information on our new administrators.](#)



INTERPRETER AND TRANSLATION

LanguageLine is a district-provided resource to assist you in communication with your non-English speaking students and families. [Click here for specific details.](#)

Interpreter | Call: 1-866-874-3972
Translation | Email: Translation@LLTS.com AND ccjbove@LLTS.com.

Include the Client Code: 681115 and the language needed in all requests.



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PACKER POINTS OF PRIDE

We have a tradition of announcing great things happening in our school district during "time-outs" of the home Packer Football Games; we call them "Packer Points of Pride." This year we are expanding Packer Points of Pride to billboard spotlights, social media posts, and news stories.

Packer Points of Pride will continue to recognize student and employee achievements. However, this year we are seeking special interest stories, as well. Do you know someone in the district (student/employee/alums) with an interesting hobby, special talent, or unique story? We would love to hear about it.

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

PAY RAISES

Thanks to the Governor's budget and to our local Board of Education for approving salary increases for district employees at all levels.

2023-24 School Year Salary increases
 Certified Staff = \$2,000
 Paraprofessionals = \$2,000
 All other non-certified staff = 5%



12-month employees (July check will show an increase.)
 11-month employees (August check will show an increase.)
 10-month employees (September check will show an increase.)

AFTER-HOURS OPPORTUNITY

Great news! The GaTutor Program is set to launch in September. This is an exciting opportunity for certified teachers to become our first GaTutors! GaTutors is seeking certified teachers who possess expertise in their respective fields and are passionate about helping students reach their full potential.



All GaTutors will be contract employees for the GaDOE and will be paid based on the number of completed tutoring sessions.

If you're interested in becoming a GaTutor, please apply online at www.gavirtuallearning.org/gatutor.

SCHEDULE YOUR BIOMETRIC SCREENING



When: Sept 6th & Sept 7th
Where: Colquitt County Board meeting room/Cruisin Cafe

To schedule your appointment: visit www.BeWellSHBP.com/biometric-screenings

Once logged into your Sharecare account, click on the "Achieve" link on the left-hand side of the page. Click on the "Programs" tile. Click on the "Health Screening" tile. This will redirect you to the Quest scheduler.

More information will be coming soon.

We often get requests to share discounts with employees. The [Packer Perks page](#) on the district website will be updated as we receive offers to share. Please check it often, and we will remind you every month in the newsletter.



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.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a confidential support service 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 Program \(EAP\)](#)

