

Joint Meeting of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education



Pleasant Ridge Elementary School
March 13, 2019

Celebrate! Gaston County Schools



Collaborative Successes



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Collaborative Successes

- 50th Anniversary Celebration



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Collaborative Successes

- Safe Schools



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Collaborative Successes

- New school buildings

Pleasant Ridge Elementary School
(opened August 2017)



Stanley Middle School
(opened March 2018)

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- 2018 School Bonds



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Collaborative Successes

- **2018 School Bonds**



- **Replace Belmont Middle School**
- **Roofing**
- **HVAC**
- **Life Safety**
- **Lighting**
- **Etc.**

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Collaborative Successes

- Teacher Supplements

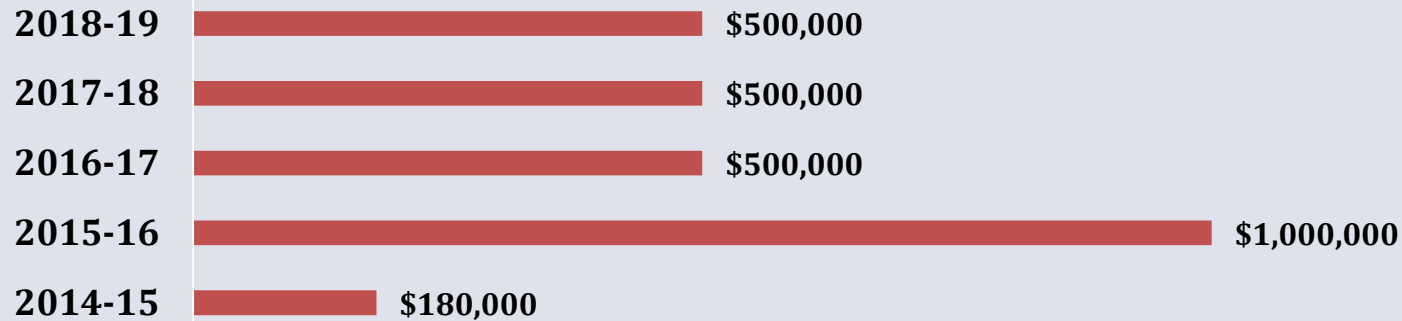


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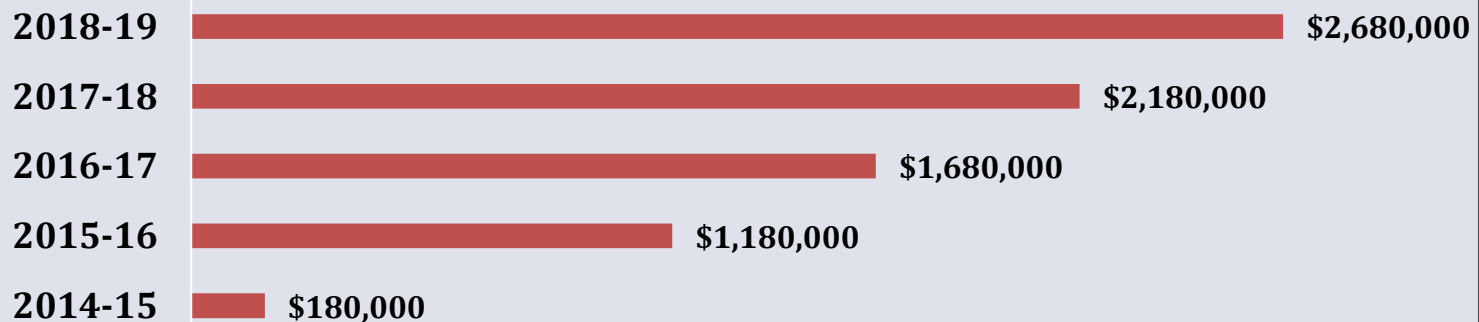


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District Increases



Cumulative District Increases



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Collaborative Successes

- **Increased Proficiency and Growth**

Proficiency:

Since 2013-2014, Gaston's proficiency rate has gone up almost six points, increasing from 50.2 to 56.0.

Growth:

Last year Gaston County had 87.8 percent of its schools (43 of 49) to meet or exceed academic growth expectations. *This was the highest growth rate by any of the 10 largest school districts.*



Collaborative Successes

- Increased Proficiency and Growth

School Name	Exceeded	Met	Not Met	Total Exceeded and Met	Rank
<i>State of North Carolina</i>	26.70%	46.00%	27.30%	72.70%	
Gaston County Schools	46.00%	40.00%	14.00%	86.00%	1
Cabarrus County Schools	36.80%	47.40%	15.80%	84.20%	2
Cumberland County Schools	33.70%	45.80%	20.50%	79.50%	3
Durham Public Schools	39.20%	37.30%	23.50%	76.50%	4
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	30.40%	45.00%	24.60%	75.40%	5
Guilford County Schools	23.30%	50.90%	25.90%	74.10%	6
Forsyth County Schools	25.00%	47.20%	27.80%	72.20%	7
Union County Public Schools	30.00%	40.00%	30.00%	70.00%	8
Wake County Schools	14.80%	46.70%	38.50%	61.50%	9
Johnston County Schools	2.20%	26.70%	71.10%	28.90%	10

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- Two “A” Schools



Highland School of Technology

Gaston Early College



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- District Wide Accreditation



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- Increased Technology



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Collaborative Successes

- Commissioners School

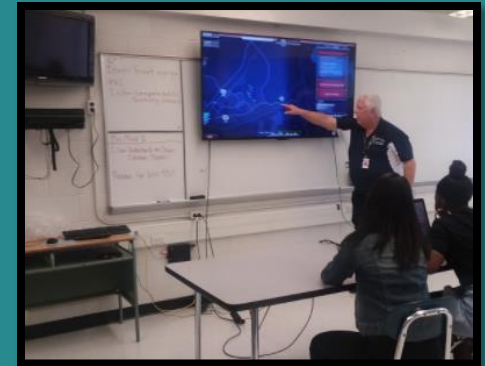
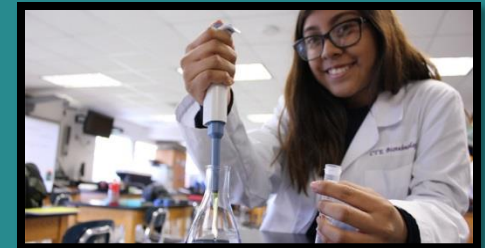


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- Hunter Huss Career Academy



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- Cherryville High School Ambulance



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- Career and Technical Education (CTE) – Middle Schools



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- Strong Educational Partnerships



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- Robotics Program



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- Student Scholarships



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Collaborative Successes

- Strong Graduation Rate



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Primary Challenges



Competitive Teacher Supplements

LEA - Neighboring (ADM)	Average Supplement
Charlotte-Mecklenburg (147,359)	\$ 7,159
Union (41,408)	4,524
State Average	4,337
Catawba (16,181)	3,755
Cabarrus (32,476)	3,140
Lincoln (11,318)	2,894
Iredell-Statesville (20,436)	2,853
Rowan-Salisbury (19,144)	2,831
Gaston (31,580)	2,826
Cleveland (14,581)	1,884

Source: DPI FY 2017-2018 Table 20 for average supplement
DPI FY 2017-2018 Table 10 for ADM



Enhancing School Choice

Funding for expanded school choice opportunities:

High School: Academy of Health Sciences
T&I Engineering Academy
College Prep Academy
Leadership Academy

Middle School: T&I Engineering Academy
Career Academy
Leadership Academy

Elementary: Leadership Academy

Enhancing School Choice

SCHOOL CHOICE

in Gaston County Schools

Gaston County Schools is launching new school choice Academy programs for the 2019-2020 academic year. The additional programs will triple our number of school choice/magnet school options for students and parents.

New Academy Programs

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Leadership Academy @ Costner Elementary

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Career Academy @ Southwest Middle

Career Academy @ York Chester Middle

Gifted and Talented Academy
@ Cramerton Middle

Leadership Academy @ W.C. Friday Middle

Public Service Academy @ John Chavis Middle

Technology and Industrial Engineering
Academy @ Bessemer City Middle

HIGH SCHOOL

Career Academy @ Hunter Huss High School

Collegiate Prep Academy @ Forestview
High School

Leadership Academy @ North Gaston
High School

Health Sciences Academy @ East Gaston
High School

Public Service Academy @ Cherryville
High School

Technology and Industrial Engineering
Academy @ Bessemer City High School

Existing Choice Programs

In addition to our new Academy programs, we have experienced great success with our six existing school choice/magnet schools.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Hawley Nest STEAM Academy
Gifted and Talented Academy
@ Pleasant Ridge Elementary School

MIDDLE SCHOOL

STEAM Academy @ Stanley Middle
Gaston County Virtual Academy

HIGH SCHOOL

Gaston Early College High School
Highland School of Technology

Who can apply?

Students who live in Gaston County and will be in kindergarten, sixth grade, or ninth grade for the 2019-2020 year may apply. Applications accepted January 28 until February 28 at 5:00 p.m. Students who are in Gaston County Schools now as well as students who are enrolled in a private, charter, or home school may apply.

Get More Information

Visit the Gaston County Schools website: www.gaston.k12.nc.us/schoolchoice. If you have questions, email schoolchoice@gaston.k12.nc.us.



Gaston County Schools
Career
Academy



Gaston County Schools
Collegiate Prep
Academy



Gaston County Schools
Health Sciences
Academy



Gaston County Schools
Leadership
Academy



Gaston County Schools
Public Service
Academy



Gaston County Schools
**Technology and Industrial
Engineering**
Academy

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Technology Replacement

- 31,000 student devices at \$180 per device
- Refresh rate of four years
- Switches and wireless access devices
- Updated software and access to digital resources



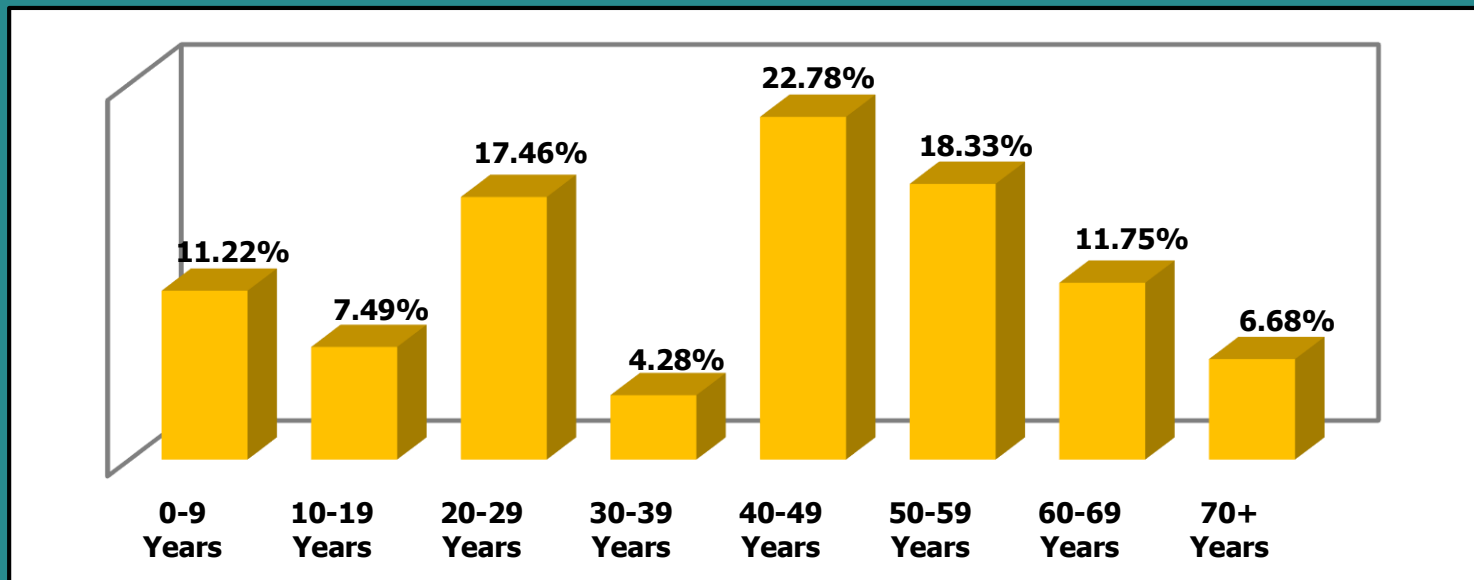
Capital Needs

- Annual capital maintenance includes: HVAC, roof systems, plumbing, electrical, life safety systems, parking lots, etc.
- Annual County capital allowance of \$1.2M or \$0.25 per square foot



Capital Needs

- 54 schools and 11 support locations
- 5.2+ million sq. feet of maintained space
- Age of buildings:



Conclusion

- GCS Budget proposal will be submitted by May 15th
- Budget proposal will include additional funding request for:
 - Salary, benefits and supplement adjustments
 - Expanded choice opportunities
 - Technology replacements and updates
 - Other inflationary adjustments
 - Capital maintenance and improvements

Thank you for all you do for the children of Gaston County



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