

**Gaston County Schools  
Board of Education  
Monday, March 19, 2018  
Meeting 5:30 p.m.**

**Minutes**

The Gaston County Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, March 19, 2018 in the Board Room, 943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC. Those Board members in attendance were: Vice Chairman Jeff Ramsey, Dot Cherry, Justin Davis, Lee Dedmon, Dot Guthrie, Brent Moore, and Terry Usery. (Kevin Collier and Catherine Roberts absent)

Additional attendees include: Superintendent W. Jeffrey Booker, Attorney Sonya McGraw, Associate Superintendents Dr. Melissa Balknight, Gary Hoskins, Dr. Kim Mattox, Assistant Superintendent Cindee Matson, Chief Communications Officer Todd Hagans and Board Clerk Dana Luoto.

Chairman Collier called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**Invocation**

Mrs. Dot Guthrie led the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Jeff Ramsey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Adoption - Action**

The Board considered Agenda Adoption – Action

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented was made by Mrs. Dot Guthrie seconded by Mr. Brent Moore motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

**Good News – Information**

Superintendent Booker recognized Journey Grier, a fifth grade student at Tryon Elementary School. Journey had the idea to start a coat drive at Tryon, and with the help of her classmates and teachers, she was able to collect 103 coats and 19 pairs of gloves for The Salvation Army.

Mr. Terry Usery presented a Certificate of Recognition and a framed news article of the coat drive to Journey.

Superintendent Booker recognized Mallori Mull from East Gaston High School. Mallori won the high school category for this year's North Carolina Get Smart Artwork Competition

sponsored by North Carolina Public Health Department. Mallori's work was printed on posters and distributed across North Carolina in doctors' offices and school health centers.

Ms. Cherry presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mallori.

Superintendent Booker recognized students who received Gold Key Awards in the Mid-Carolina Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Program.

Gold Key Winners:

Fashion category, JaShia Orr, from Forestview High School.

Film and animation, Bailey Cochran, Romello Shipman, Lillian Combs and Kaytlin Waldroup, from Forestview High School.

Ceramics, Dianna Ternanni, from Stuart W. Cramer High School.

Drawing and illustration, Asia Sprinks, from Ashbrook High School and Cerys Webber from North Gaston High School.

Digital art category, Jayden Goode, from Cramerton Middle.

Ceramics and glass, Sierra Navatta, from Cramerton Middle.

Critical essay category, Devin Totherow, from Gaston Early College High School.

Poetry category, Erin Watson from Cramerton Middle.

Mrs. Dot Guthrie presented a Certificate of Recognition to all students.

Superintendent Booker recognized Lane Harrill, Nathan Jeffers and Maggie Barnes from Cherryville High School.

Lane set a record for the most three-pointers by a sophomore player; Nathan took all-tournament honors and was nominated for all-district honors; and Maggie was a leader in scoring. They also earned all-conference honors in the Southern Piedmont 1-A Conference.

Mr. Terry Usery presented a Certificate of Recognition to all students.

Superintendent Booker recognized Hassani Burris from Ashbrook High School and Ben Finer from North Gaston High School. Hassani and Ben won top awards at the North Carolina 3-A indoor track championships held in Winston-Salem. Hassani won the girls'

triple jump and also placed second in the girls' long jump. Ben was named the boys' pole vault champion.

Ms. Dot Cherry presented a Certificate of Recognition to Hassani and Ben.

### **Public Expression - Information**

No Public Expression.

### **Approval/Correction of Minutes - Action**

The Board considered Approval of Minutes – Action

Motion to adopt minutes of January 19, 2018 and January 20, 2018 as presented was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

### **Classroom Moment - Information**

Vice Chairman Ramsey recognized Dr. Melissa Balknight who introduced Mrs. Carrie Minnich, Executive Director of DEC, who presented a PowerPoint on Pleasant Ridge Enrichment Clusters.

A few students from Pleasant Ridge shared about their favorite part of their cluster class.

Rhianna Deal – Party Animal Event Planning

Jackson Hibbs – Videography

Tunde Olaleye – CSI

Ayden Ellis – Minecraft

Ava Wood presented a “Thank You” card to Board Members for supporting Fine Arts.

(View PowerPoint.)

### **2018-2019 Superintendent's Budget Request Update - Information**

Vice Chairman Ramsey recognized Mr. Gary Hoskins who presented a PowerPoint on Superintendent's Budget Request FY 2018-2019.

(View PowerPoint.)

### **2018 School Bond Referendum - Information**

Vice Chairman Ramsey recognized Superintendent Booker who presented a PowerPoint on 2018 Bond Referendum.

(View PowerPoint.)

## **Title I Grant Application for Gaston County Schools – Action**

Vice Chairman Ramsey recognized Dr. Melissa Balknight who introduced Ms. Melissa Buchanan who presented a PowerPoint on 2018-2019 Title I Plan.

(View PowerPoint.)

### **Motion**

The motion was made by Mrs. Dot Guthrie; seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry that the Board  
**Approve Title I Grant Application for Gaston County Schools**

### **Consent Agenda – Action**

The Board considered the Consent Agenda; (1) Recommended Personnel; (2) Budget Amendments & Budget Transfers; (3) Construction/Repair Change Orders; (4) High School Exam Schedule – Second Semester (Including Gaston Early College High School; (5) Gaston Early College High School 2018-2019 Calendar; (6) Annual Microsoft Licensing Agreement; (7) GPS Lease Maintenance Vehicles.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Ms. Dot Cherry; seconded by Mr. Terry Usery motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

### **Superintendent's Comments**

Superintendent Booker thanked everyone who had a role in the successful Junior Achievement program last week at Sadler Elementary. Junior Achievement engages business and community leaders in sharing entrepreneurship and personal finance concepts with elementary school students.

As part of the Junior Achievement program, the school welcomed NFL players and others as celebrity guests, and the Paradigm 360 organization and the Professional Football Players Mothers Association honored former Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Edward Sadler. It was a very successful program, the hard work of all groups involved is appreciated.

Superintendent Booker reported last Wednesday afternoon we convened our first Business Advisory Council which is an extension of our Career and Technical Education Oversight Committee that was formed in 2015. The state now requires school districts to have a business-focused committee so schools can build relationships with business owners, community leaders and others. The ultimate goal is to better connect schools, teachers and students to the workforce.

Superintendent Booker reported tomorrow is “Students@Work” Day in Gaston County Schools with all eighth graders having the opportunity to tour a local business or organization. This gives students an opportunity to learn about jobs here in Gaston County.



Superintendent Booker reported another Career and Technical Education program that is connecting our students with the workforce is the Manufacturing Career Expo coming up on Thursday, March 29 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Gaston College. This event is a partnership with the college and the Gaston Chamber.

Superintendent Booker reported the following upcoming events:

Stanley Middle School Grand Opening is Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. The community is invited.

The Parent Advisory Council Meeting is Tuesday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. at Ashbrook High School. All parents are invited.

Spring Break begins Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> with the Good Friday holiday and continues the following week April 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Booker announced there is not a need for Closed Session.

Vice Chairman Ramsey announced our next Board of Education Meeting will be Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

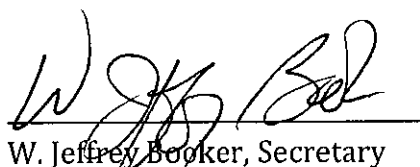
All business having been conducted, Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Mr. Brent Moore motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Approved:



Kevin L. Collier, Chairman  
[Corporate Seal]

  
W. Jeffrey Booker, Secretary

Date Approved:

5/21/18

# Pleasant Ridge Enrichment Clusters



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## What is an Enrichment Cluster?

An enriching, investigative-type, multi-grade learning opportunity for the whole school community which pairs students with the same interests together to explore solutions to real problems and/or issues.



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## Pleasant Ridge Enrichment Clusters

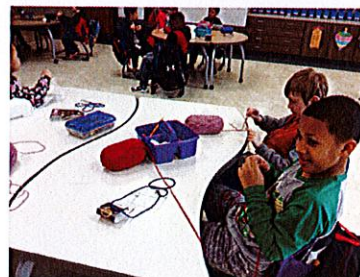
- Meet every Friday
- Meet for 60 minutes



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## K-2 Clusters

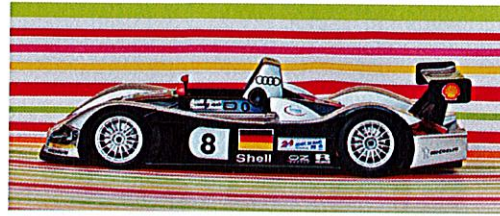


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## Rambling Racers



Vroom! Vroom!

Do you like cars?

Race on in to find out about cars,  
speed, and acceleration.



## Lights, Camera, Action!!!

Have you ever wanted to be the star of the show?

Explore being an actor by looking at different kinds of plays!

Feeling like the Little Red Hen or perhaps one of the 3 little pigs?

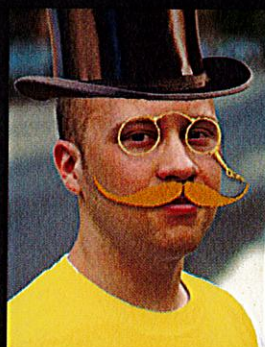
Let's get together and see how we want to ACT today?



# Fun With Pictures



Do you like to be in pictures?



Perhaps make funny pictures?



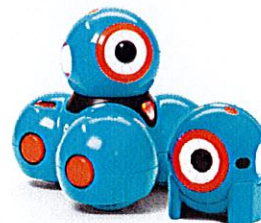
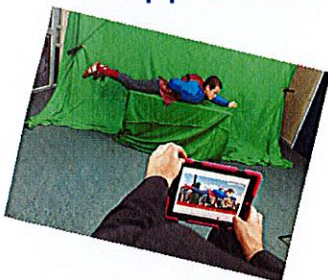
Or maybe take pictures?

Join us as we take and learn all about pictures!

# Totally Tech



Do you love technology? We will explore app-smashing, making movies, coding robots and green screen magic!





# Trash to Treasure

If you enjoy art and you care about our environment, Trash to Treasure is right for you! We will be reusing and creating things from objects people usually throw away like bottles, plastic, and paper. Make your own treasure from trash!!



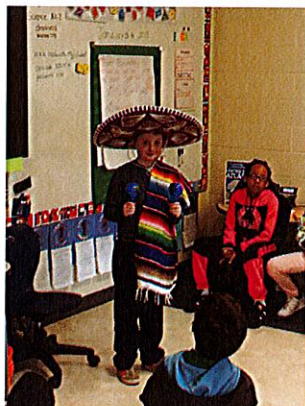
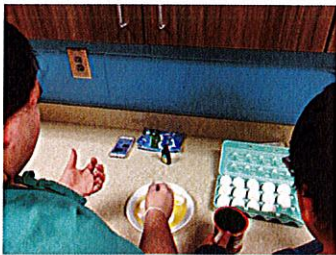
## Party Animal Event Planning

Do you enjoy being with friends? Do you like parties and special occasions? Come join us to learn how to be the ultimate event planner!





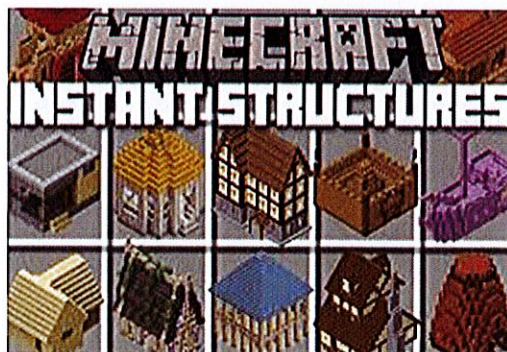
### 3-5 Clusters



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Build your ideal community through  
Minecraft.

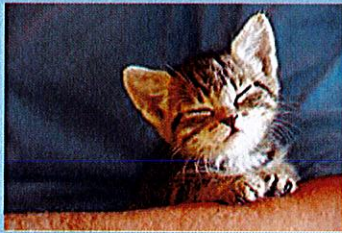




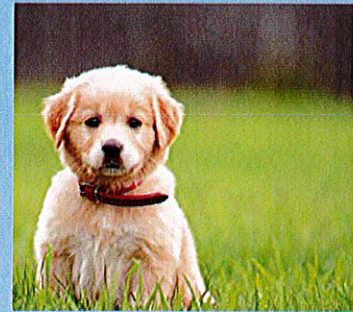
# Paws for a Cause



Are you an animal lover? Do you have a pet? Do you want to visit with animals and learn about the care animals need? Join Paws for a Cause and YOU can make a difference!



- Learn about proper animal care
- Visit with animals at an animal shelter
- Create care bags to take to an animal shelter



## The Fit Nation



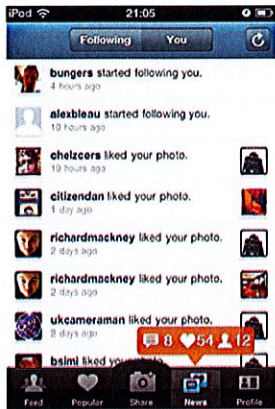
Do you want to be healthy?  
Do you know how to improve your fitness?



Join **The Fit Nation** & explore ways to become a healthier "you".



# CSI meets Pleasant Ridge Oh, the Crimes We Might Solve!



What do you think these things have in common? How could you connect them? Are they related?



Do you love mysteries? Are you a good investigator? Would you like to learn more about real-world ways to solve crimes? Then this may be the enrichment cluster for you! Let's explore finding clues and piecing them together to solve mysteries!



## CHESS CHALLENGES

Which piece is the most powerful in chess?

Do you know how each of the pieces move?

Ready to challenge others to a chess match?

Join this cluster to find ways to begin and end a game with game-winning strategies.

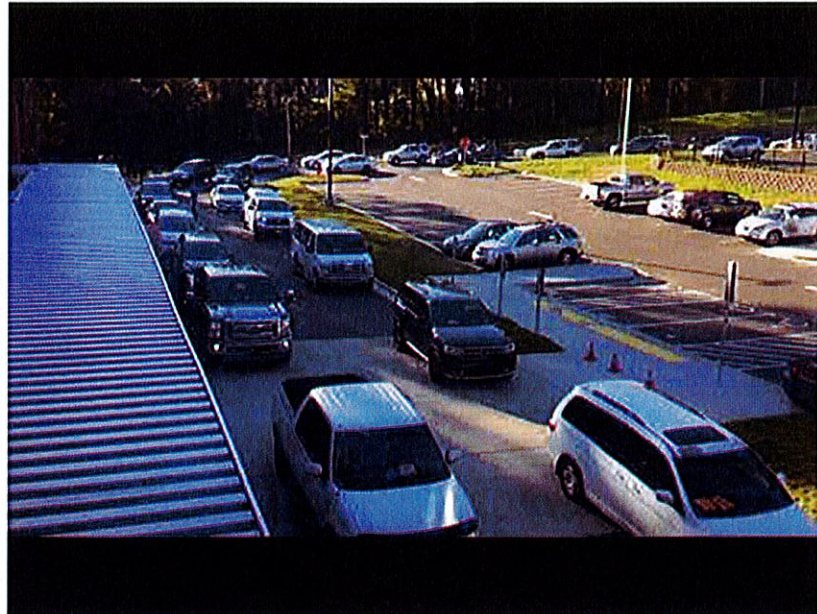




**Panther Pause  
Video Production  
Crew**

Use the iPad to  
take and edit  
videos that  
document life at  
Pleasant Ridge.

Watch the video  
to learn more!



Please come visit our Enrichment  
Clusters on a Friday afternoon and see  
what you can learn!



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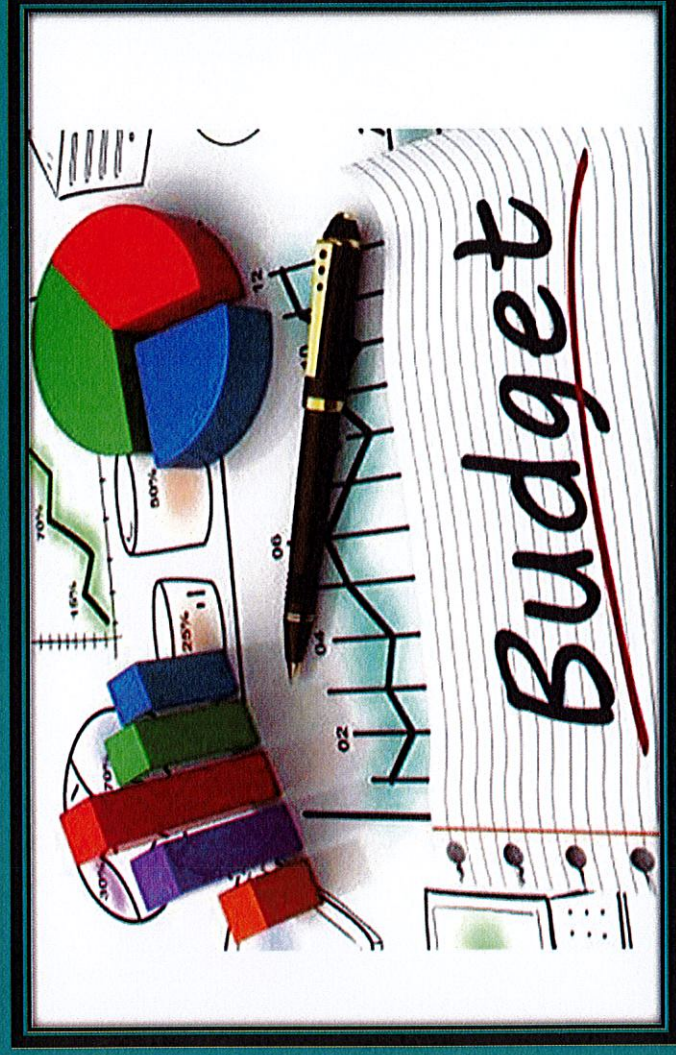
# Questions?

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# Board of Education Meeting March 19, 2018



Superintendent's Budget Request -  
FY 2018-19

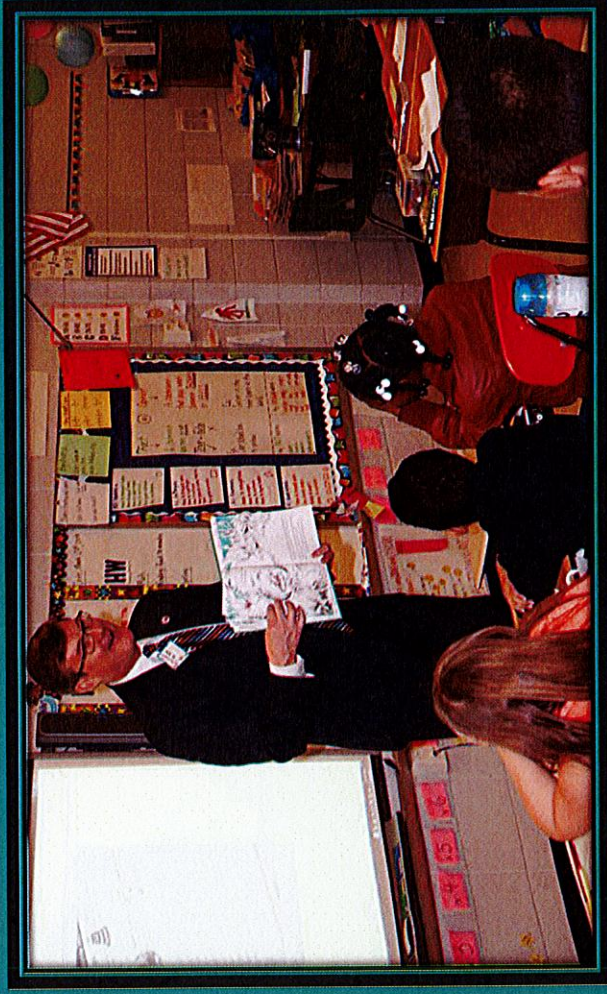


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# Budget Overview

- Budget Calendar
- Operating Request
- Capital Request
- Next Steps



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# Budget Calendar

- **January 20** – Board retreat
- **January and February** – Met with Cabinet and/or Fund Managers
- **March 5** – Board budget work session
- **March 19** – Budget presentation/discussion
- **April 16** – Present Superintendent’s Budget Request to Board of Education
- **May 7** - Board adoption of GCS Budget Request



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# Budget Calendar

- **May 15** – Deliver Board of Education budget request to County
- **June 12** – County approves local budget
- **June 18** – Board of Education approves balanced interim budget
- **July or August** – General Assembly and the Governor approve State budget
- **August or September** – Board of Education approves final budget resolution



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# Operating Request

## Ongoing Expenditures

Expenses related to the ongoing operations that will change due to changes in the law, inflation, end of life for technology, etc.

## New Initiatives

Expenses related to new programs, projects, initiatives, etc. that are supportive of the GCS's mission and vision or required by law.



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# Expansion Request

**Ongoing Expenditures - \$1,248,500**

- State mandated increase in employer paid benefits
- Replacement of end of life mobile devices
- Charter school enrollment increase
- Elimination of ERate reimbursements for school technology



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# Expansion Request

**New Initiatives - \$3,006,000**

- *Enhanced school security*
- Certified employee salary supplement and classified employee salary adjustment
- Expand school choice options
- Update Central Office IT infrastructure
- Achieve 1:1 mobile device to student ratio



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# Operating Request Summary

	Amount	
	2017-18	2018-19
County Request		
Prior Year County Appropriation	\$45,351,704	\$47,751,704
Ongoing Expenditures	\$471,000	\$1,248,500
New Initiatives	\$4,010,200	\$3,006,000
Total County Request	\$49,832,904	\$52,006,204

Received a \$2.4 million increase in local funding last year.

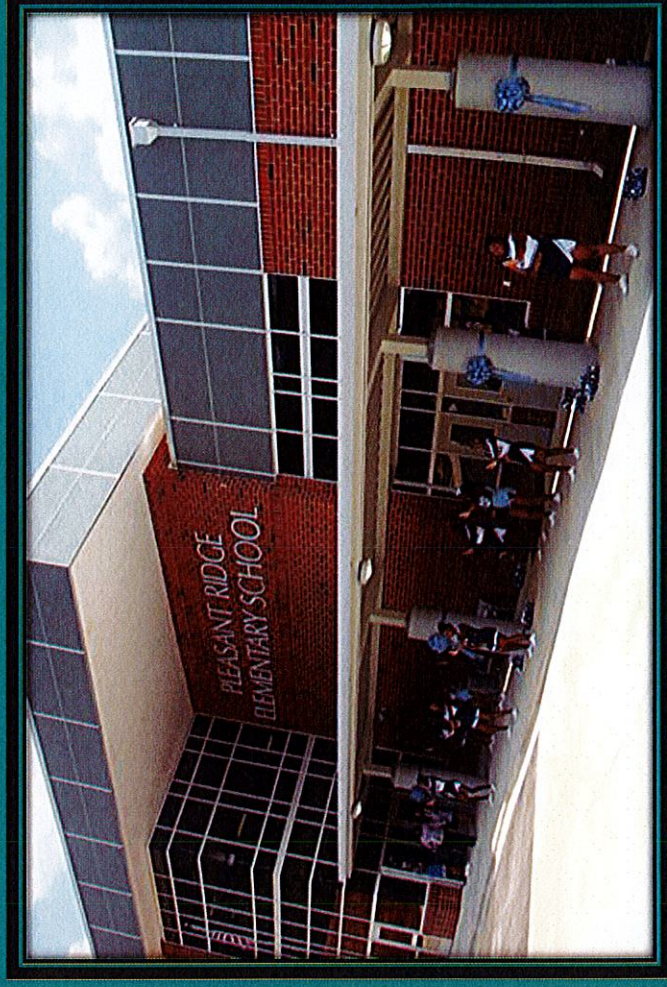


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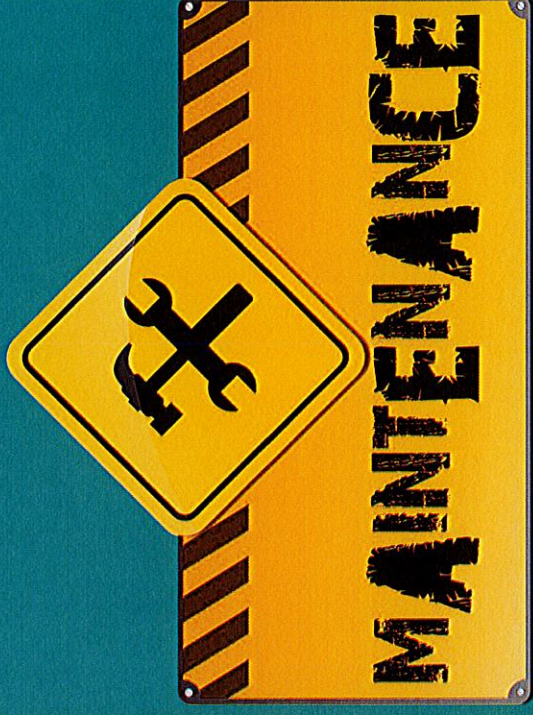
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# Capital Request

Capital Outlay is used for the following purposes:

- Roofing
- HVAC
- Vehicles
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Technology
- Furniture
- Life Safety Devices
- Other Building Costs



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# Capital Request

Routine Maintenance costs are affected by:

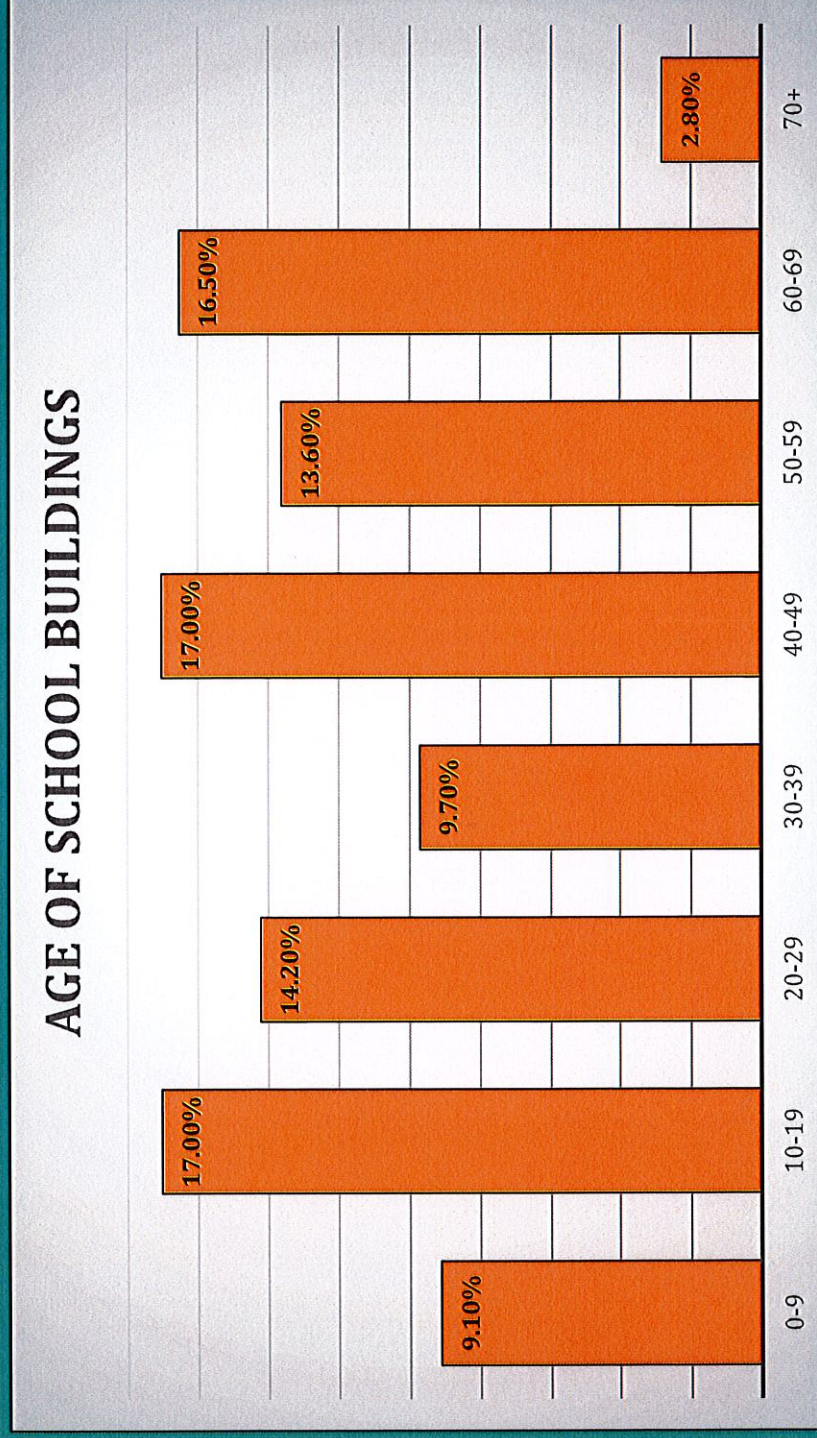
- Age of the buildings
- Quality and experience of custodial staff
- Training of custodial staff
- Deferred maintenance backlog



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# Age of Buildings



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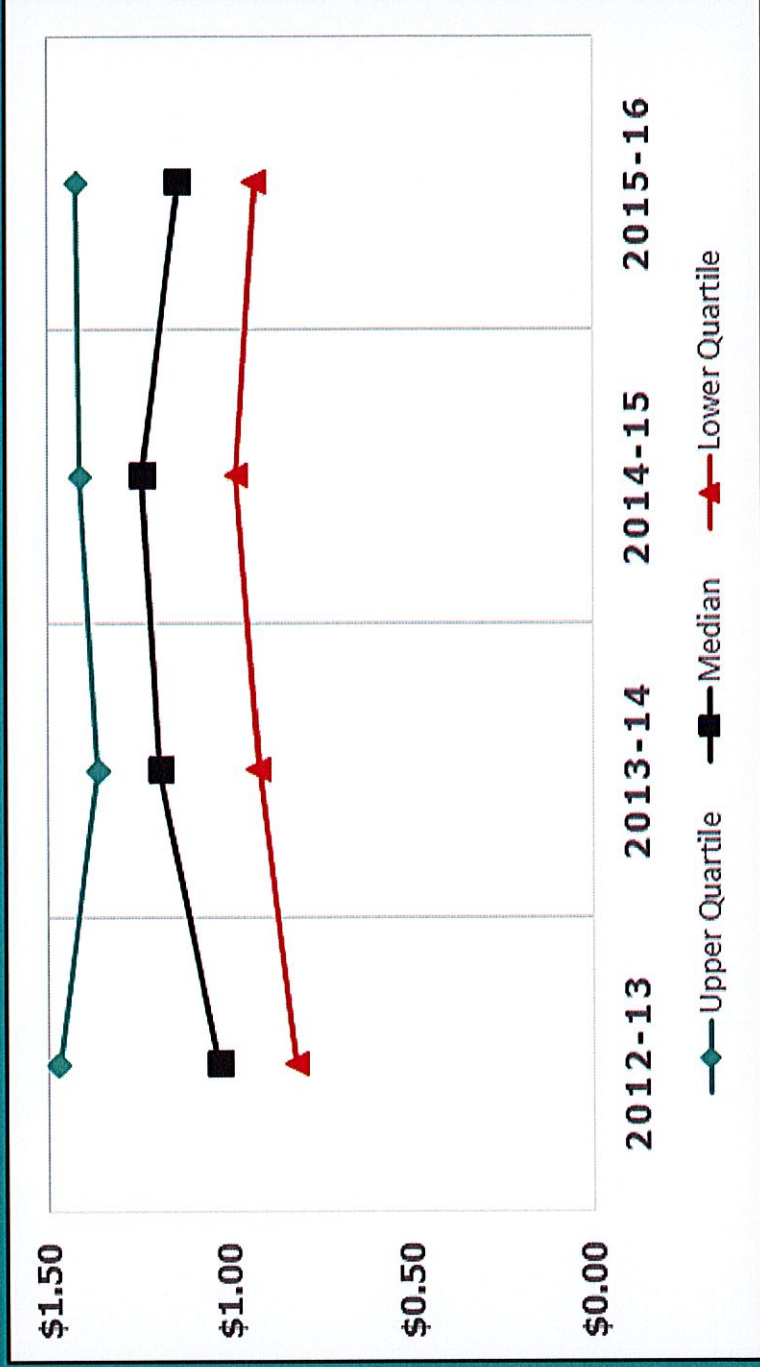
# Capital Request

- According to a 2017 report from the Council of Great City Schools – routine maintenance costs per square foot for 2015-16 ranged from:
  - \$1.42 for the upper quartile
  - \$1.14 for the median
  - \$0.93 for the lower quartile





# Capital Request



	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Upper Quartile	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.36	\$ 1.41	\$ 1.42
Median	1.03	1.19	1.24	1.14
Lower Quartile	0.82	0.92	0.98	0.93



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# Capital Request

- GCS schools and central office amount to approximately 5.2 million square feet
- Last year we received \$1.2 million in capital outlay, or about \$0.24 per square foot.
- We are requesting \$5.9 million in capital outlay for FY 2018-19. This request equates to about \$1.13 per square foot.

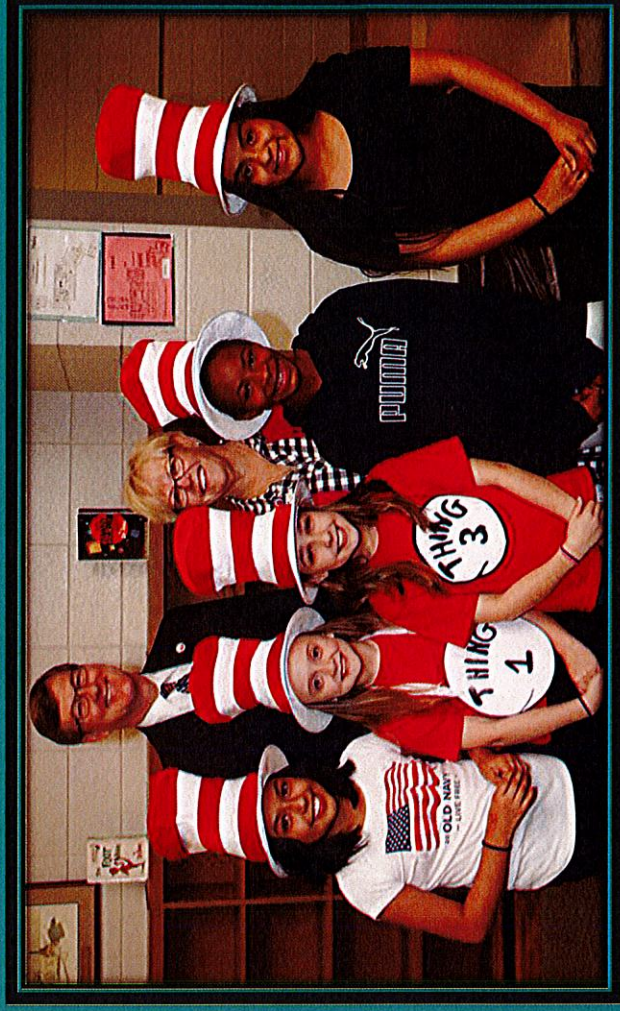


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# Next Steps

- Prioritize capital needs of the District and request sufficient funding from the County to address those needs
- Finalize Superintendent's Budget Request and present to BOE on April 16<sup>th</sup>
- Present GCS Budget Request to the County

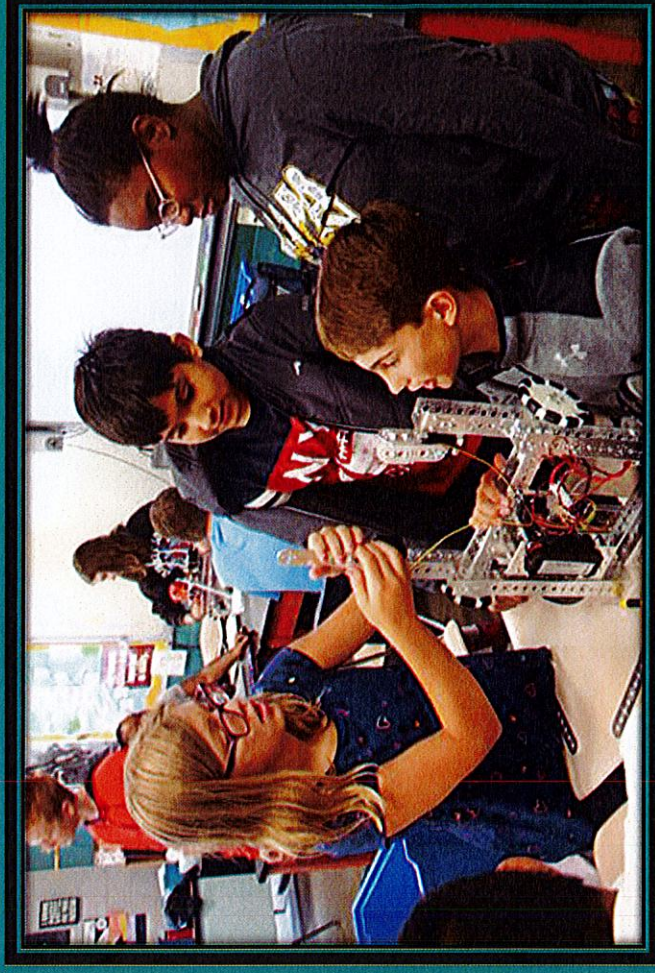


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# In Conclusion

Our budget request should support the GCS Vision to **“inspire success and a lifetime of learning”** for all of our students.



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# Discussion



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*for your information*

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Tuesday,  
May 8

Primary Election Day

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Voters will decide

\$250

million

School Bond Referendum

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# School Bonds

# 5 Questions

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*for your information*

# What are the school bonds for?

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# \$250 million

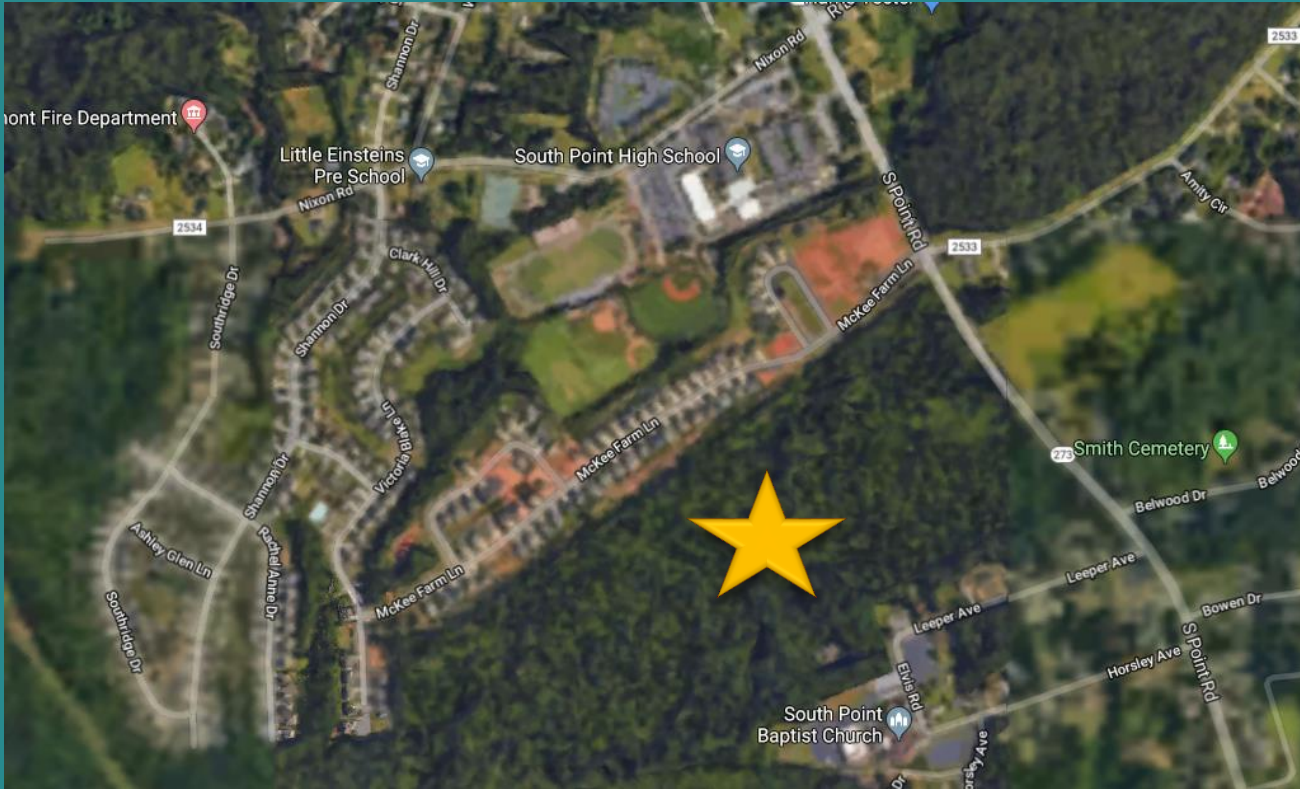
- **New School Construction**  
**\$110 million**



# New School Construction

- **Three New Schools: \$110 million**
  - **New elementary school in southeast Gastonia – a high growth area**
  - **New middle school – to replace one of our old middle schools**
  - **New middle school in Belmont**





# New middle school in Belmont

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# \$250 million

- School Additions  
\$25 million



# School Additions

- **\$25 million**
  - **Classroom Additions**
  - **Media Center Expansions/Renovations**
  - **Cafeteria Expansions/Renovations**



# \$250 million

- Renovations and Repairs  
\$115 million



# Renovations and Repairs

- **\$115 million**
  - **Largest portion of school bonds**
  - **Funds for every township across the county**
  - **Address our most critical needs**



# Renovations and Repairs

- **Electrical and Lighting**
- **Life Safety**  
Cameras, Intercoms, Security, Fire Alarms
- **Water, Gas, and Sewer Lines**
- **Plumbing**



# Renovations and Repairs

- **Roof Replacement**
- **HVAC**  
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning
- **Doors and Windows**
- **Parking Lots/Driveways**



# Renovations and Repairs

- **Athletics**  
Gym Floors and Lighting
- **Structural Repairs**
- **Environmental Work**
- **ADA Compliance**  
Restrooms/Elevators



# Funds by Township

- Renovations and Repairs  
\$115 million



# Funds by Township

- **Cherryville Township**  
**\$5.8 million**
- **Crowders Mountain Township**  
**\$12.1 million**
- **Dallas Township**  
**\$14.5 million**



# Funds by Township

- **Gastonia Township**  
**\$38.7 million**
- **Riverbend Township**  
**\$21.6 million**
- **South Point Township**  
**\$20.3 million**



# Schools in the Cherryville Township

## Repairs and Renovations

**\$5.8  
million**

The funds would be used for the most critical repairs/renovations in the following areas:

	Life Safety <small>Cameras, Intercoms, Security, and Fire Alarms</small>	Electrical	Lighting	HVAC <small>Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning</small>	Water Lines	Sewer Lines	Gas Lines	Plumbing	Roof Replacement	Structural Repairs	Gym Floor	Doors	Windows	Parking Lot	Driveway	Environmental	Elevator Installation <small>(ADA Compliance)</small>	Restrooms <small>(ADA Compliance)</small>
Cherryville Elementary	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓										
Cherryville High	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓		✓	✓
John Chavis Middle	✓		✓							✓	✓							
Tryon Elementary	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓										
W.B. Beam Intermediate	✓					✓												

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# Schools in the Crowders Mountain Township

## Repairs and Renovations

**\$12.1  
million**

The funds would be used for the most critical repairs/renovations in the following areas:

	Life Safety Cameras, Intercoms, Security, and Fire Alarms	Electrical	Lighting	HVAC Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	Water Lines	Sewer Lines	Gas Lines	Plumbing	Roof Replacement	Structural Repairs	Athletic Facilities	Doors	Windows	Parking Lot	Driveway	Environmental	Elevator	Restrooms (ADA Compliance)
Bessemer City Central	✓		✓															
Bessemer City High	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓				✓		
Bessemer City Middle	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓							✓	✓	✓
Bessemer City Primary	✓		✓					✓	✓							✓		
Chapel Grove Elementary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							✓		
Sadler Elementary	✓		✓															

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# Schools in the Dallas Township

## Repairs and Renovations

**\$14.5  
million**

The funds would be used for the most critical repairs/renovations in the following areas:

	Life Safety Cameras, Intercoms, Security, and Fire Alarms	Electrical	Lighting	HVAC Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	Water Lines	Sewer Lines	Gas Lines	Plumbing	Roof Replacement	Structural Repairs	Athletic Facilities	Doors	Windows	Parking Lot	Driveway	Environmental	Elevator	Restrooms (ADA Compliance)
Brookside Elementary	✓		✓					✓	✓									
Carr Elementary	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓			✓				✓		
Costner Elementary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓				✓		
Highland School of Technology	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓			✓	✓			
North Gaston High	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓	
W.C. Friday Middle	✓		✓					✓	✓	✓		✓				✓		

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# Schools in the Gastonia Township

## Repairs and Renovations

# \$38.7 million

The funds would be used for the most critical repairs/renovations in the following areas:

	Life Safety Cameras, Intercoms, Security, and Fire Alarms	Electrical	Lighting	HVAC Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	Water Lines	Sewer Lines	Gas Lines	Plumbing	Roof Replacement	Structural Repairs	Gym Floor	Doors	Windows	Parking Lot	Driveway	Environmental	Elevator	ADA Compliance
Ashbrook High	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓
Gardner Park Elementary	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓		
Grier Middle	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
H.H. Beam Elementary	✓					✓		✓	✓									
Hawks Nest STEAM Academy	✓		✓	✓							✓							
Holbrook Middle	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓			✓				✓		✓
Hunter Huss High	✓							✓						✓	✓	✓		
Lingerfeldt Elementary	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓				✓		
Lowell Elementary	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓		
Robinson Elementary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓				✓		
Sherwood Elementary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓							✓		

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# Schools in the Gastonia Township

## Repairs and Renovations

The funds would be used for the most critical repairs/renovations in the following areas:

\$38.7 million	The funds would be used for the most critical repairs/renovations in the following areas:																	
	Life Safety Cameras, Intercoms, Security, and Fire Alarms	Electrical	Lighting	HVAC Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	Water Lines	Sewer Lines	Gas Lines	Plumbing	Roof Replacement	Structural Repairs	Athletic Facilities	Doors	Windows	Parking Lot	Driveway	Environmental	Elevator	ADA Compliance
Southwest Middle	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓				✓	✓	
Warlick Academy	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Webb Street School	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓						✓	✓	✓		
Woodhill Elementary	✓			✓					✓	✓								
York Chester Middle	✓	✓	✓					✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓





# Schools in the Riverbend Township

## Repairs and Renovations

**\$21.6 million**

The funds would be used for the most critical repairs/renovations in the following areas:

	Life Safety Cameras, Intercoms, Security, and Fire Alarms	Electrical	Lighting	HVAC Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	Water Lines	Sewer Lines	Gas Lines	Plumbing	Roof Replacement	Structural Repairs	Athletic Facilities	Doors	Windows	Parking Lot	Driveway	Environmental	Elevator	Restrooms (ADA Compliance)
East Gaston High	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓				✓				✓	✓	
Rankin Elementary	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓							✓		
Kiser Elementary	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓						
Mount Holly Middle	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓				✓		
North Belmont Elementary	✓		✓	✓					✓			✓				✓		
Pinewood Elementary	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓			✓						
Springfield Elementary	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓			✓				✓		

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# Schools in the South Point Township

## Repairs and Renovations

**\$20.3 million**

The funds would be used for the most critical repairs/renovations in the following areas:

	Life Safety Cameras, Intercoms, Security, and Fire Alarms	Electrical	Lighting	HVAC Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	Water Lines	Sewer Lines	Gas Lines	Plumbing	Roof Replacement	Structural Repairs	Athletic Facilities	Doors	Windows	Parking Lot	Driveway	Environmental	Elevator	ADA Compliance
Belmont Central Elementary	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓								✓		✓
Catawba Heights Elementary	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓		
Cramerton Middle	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓			✓						
Forestview High	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓			✓				✓		
McAdenville Elementary	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓				✓				✓		✓
New Hope Elementary	✓		✓	✓				✓				✓	✓	✓	✓			
Page Primary	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓			✓						
South Point High	✓	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓		✓				✓		✓
W.A. Bess Elementary	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓			

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# \$250 million

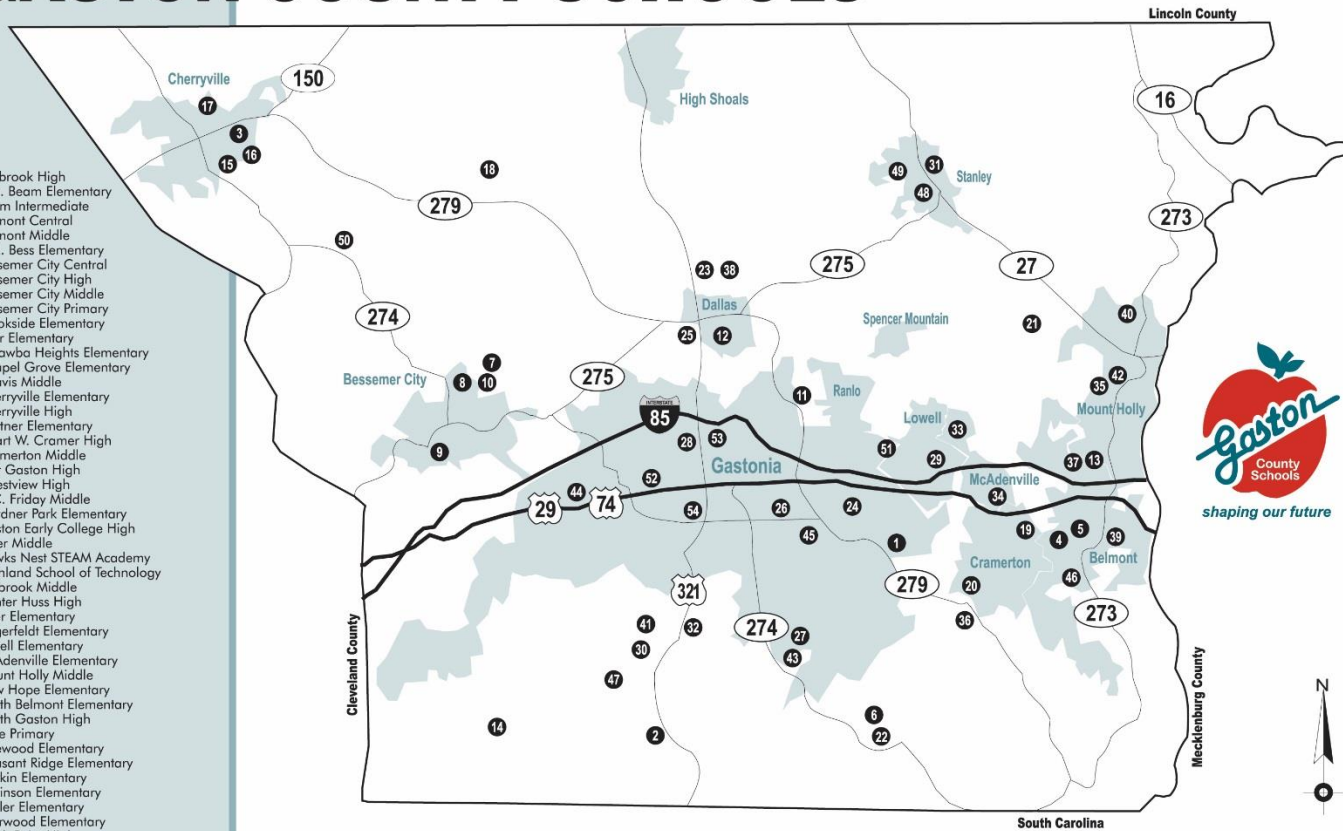
- **New School Construction**  
**\$110 million**
- **School Additions**  
**\$25 million**
- **Renovations and Repairs**  
**\$115 million**



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## Key

- 1 Ashbrook High
- 2 H.H. Beam Elementary
- 3 Beam Intermediate
- 4 Belmont Central
- 5 Belmont Middle
- 6 W.A. Bess Elementary
- 7 Bessemer City Central
- 8 Bessemer City High
- 9 Bessemer City Middle
- 10 Bessemer City Primary
- 11 Brookside Elementary
- 12 Carr Elementary
- 13 Catawba Heights Elementary
- 14 Chapel Grove Elementary
- 15 Chavis Middle
- 16 Cherryville Elementary
- 17 Cherryville High
- 18 Costner Elementary
- 19 Stuart W. Cramer High
- 20 Cramerton Middle
- 21 East Gaston High
- 22 Foresview High
- 23 W.C. Friday Middle
- 24 Gardner Park Elementary
- 25 Gaston Early College High
- 26 Grier Middle
- 27 Hawks Nest STEAM Academy
- 28 Highland School of Technology
- 29 Holbrook Middle
- 30 Hunter Huss High
- 31 Kiser Elementary
- 32 Lingerfeldt Elementary
- 33 Lowell Elementary
- 34 McAdenville Elementary
- 35 Mount Holly Middle
- 36 New Hope Elementary
- 37 North Belmont Elementary
- 38 North Gaston High
- 39 Page Primary
- 40 Pinewood Elementary
- 41 Pleasant Ridge Elementary
- 42 Rankin Elementary
- 43 Robinson Elementary
- 44 Sodler Elementary
- 45 Sherwood Elementary
- 46 South Point High
- 47 Southwest Middle
- 48 Springfield Elementary
- 49 Stanley Middle
- 50 Tryon Elementary
- 51 Warlick
- 52 Webb Street
- 53 Woodhill Elementary
- 54 York Chester Middle



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**Why  
\$250 million?**

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# Why \$250 million?

- It's a manageable amount
- Expend over the next 7-10 years
- First step to address our total capital needs estimated at \$650 million

**1<sup>st</sup> Bond Issue: \$250 million**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Bond Issue: \$200 million**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Bond Issue: \$200 million**

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# Why do we need the school bonds?

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# Why do we need the school bonds?

Traditionally, school bonds are how we pay for new schools, additions, and renovations/repairs in Gaston County.

School bonds allow for school projects to be paid for over a period of years instead of in one lump sum.

# Why do we need the school bonds?

Our schools are facing the following issues:

- Aging facilities – our buildings are old
- Renovations/repairs are needed right now
- We will continue to grow



# Aging facilities – our buildings are old



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# Aging facilities – our buildings are old



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# Aging facilities – our buildings are old



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# Age of schools by township

Township	% of Schools	% of Sq. Feet	Wtd. Avg. Age
Cherryville	9.3%	7.0%	44.1
Crowders Mountain	11.1%	8.7%	36.6
Dallas	11.1%	10.3%	45.8
Gastonia	33.3%	31.5%	42.3
Riverbend	14.8%	15.2%	36.8
South Point	20.4%	22.8%	29.7
Central Offices/Support	0.0%	4.4%	53.1
DISTRICT	100.0%	100.0%	39.1



# Renovations/repairs are needed right now



## Restrooms

# Renovations/repairs are needed right now



## Electrical



# Renovations/repairs are needed right now



**HVAC – Heating, Ventilation,  
Air Conditioning**

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# Renovations/repairs are needed right now



## Parking Lots/Driveways



# Renovations/repairs are needed right now



## Structural/Lighting

# Renovations/repairs are needed right now



## Roof Replacement

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# We will continue to grow

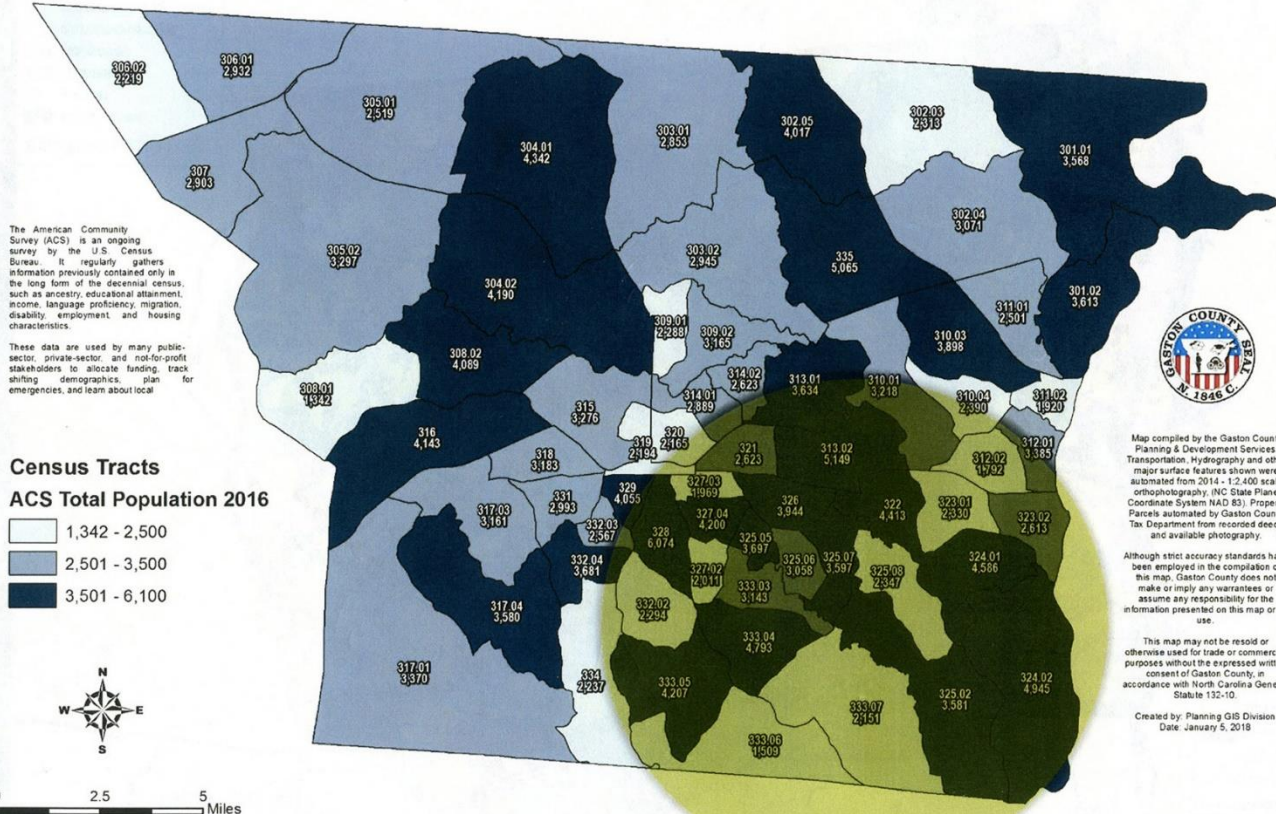
## In the southeast region:

- 4,500 single family, mixed use, and multi-family residential units approved since 2000
- 9,500 proposed/future single family, mixed use, and multi-family residential units

# We will continue to grow

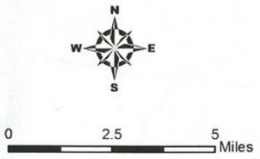
## Census ACS 2016 Total Population Estimates by Census Tract

ACS 2016 Total Population Estimate in Gaston County: 216,965



**Census Tracts**  
**ACS Total Population 2016**

- 1,342 - 2,500
- 2,501 - 3,500
- 3,501 - 6,100



Geography	April 1, 2010		Population Estimate (as of July 1)						
	Census	Estimates Base	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Gaston County, North Carolina	206,086	206,101	206,093	206,979	206,128	209,384	210,921	213,366	216,965



Source: U.S. Census Bureau - American Community Survey (ACS) 2016 5-year Estimates

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# How will we pay for the school bonds?

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# Also on the Tuesday, May 8 ballot

## A quarter-cent sales tax increase

- It's a separate issue on the ballot
- Anyone who makes a purchase in Gaston County would contribute to paying for the school bonds
- Takes the burden away from property owners



# Also on the Tuesday, May 8 ballot

## A quarter-cent sales tax increase

- County will use revenue from the sales tax increase to pay off the bond debt
- Expected to generate \$6 million per year
- Equates to one penny for every \$4 spent

With the quarter-cent sales tax increase



\$4.00

\$4.01

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# What about lottery money?

Funds allocated for Gaston County from the North Carolina Education Lottery are used by the county to pay off school bond debt.

**Fiscal Year 2015: \$2.1 million**

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# Why are the school bonds so important?

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# School Bonds 2007

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# School Bonds 2007

## Renovations and Repairs

# 44 Schools

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# School Bonds 2007



## Hunter Huss High School

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# School Bonds 2007



## Hawks Nest STEAM Academy

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# School Bonds 2007



## Stuart W. Cramer High School

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# School Bonds 2007



## Pleasant Ridge Elementary

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# School Bonds 2007



## Stanley Middle School

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# The school bonds are important.

- We want our students and teachers to have the best.
- We want modern classrooms.
- We want our schools to be safe.
- We want great schools for the future.



# More Information

The screenshot shows the website for Gaston County Schools. At the top right, there are links for Employees, Transcripts, Jobs, Departments, En Espanol, and Translate. The main header features the school name and social media icons. A navigation bar includes links for Home, Calendar, Search, About Us, Board of Education, Superintendent, Academics, How to Enroll, Jobs, and Community. The main content area has a large image of a man and a boy, a video player for a 'GCS TODAY' meeting, and a 'Become A Mentor' banner. A footer bar contains icons and links for Kindergarten Registration, Channel 21, School Safety, Magnet Schools, International Center, Volunteers and Mentors, Calendar, and Parent Portal.

[www.gaston.k12.nc.us](http://www.gaston.k12.nc.us)  
Click the 'School Bonds' link

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# The benefits of the school bonds

- Great schools = Great jobs
- Great schools = Great economy
- Great schools = Great growth
- Great schools = Great place to live, work, play, and raise a family



# Who will benefit?



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*for our future*



**Tuesday, May 8**

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**The vision of  
Gaston County Schools  
is to inspire success and  
a lifetime of learning.**

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# 2018-2019 Title I Plan

Board of Education Meeting  
March 19, 2018

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## Title I

"Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended ESSA, provides financial assistance to local educational agencies and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards.

Federal funds are currently allocated through four statutory formulas that are based primarily on census poverty estimates and the cost of education in each state."

*-U.S. Department of Education*



## 18/19 Title I Funding

### School Identification

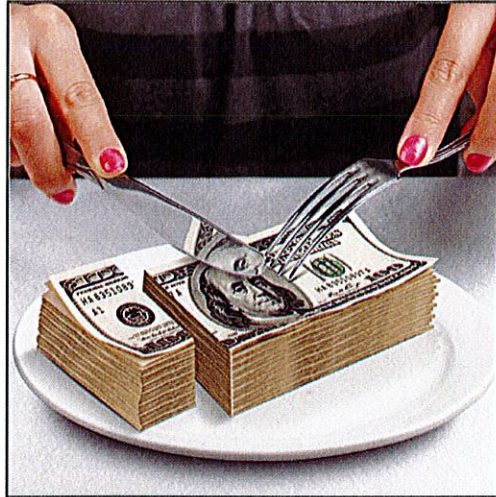
- Free and Reduced Lunch Forms
  - ~~≥ 60%~~ 40% Economically Disadvantaged (Elementary)
  - ≥ 70% 75% Economically Disadvantaged (Middle)



## 18/19 Title I Funding

Proposed Plan Impact		
Population	2017/2018	2018/2019
Schools Served	24	30
Students Served	11,657	14,725
Identified Students Served	6,588	11,761

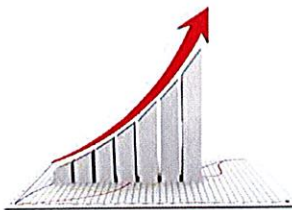


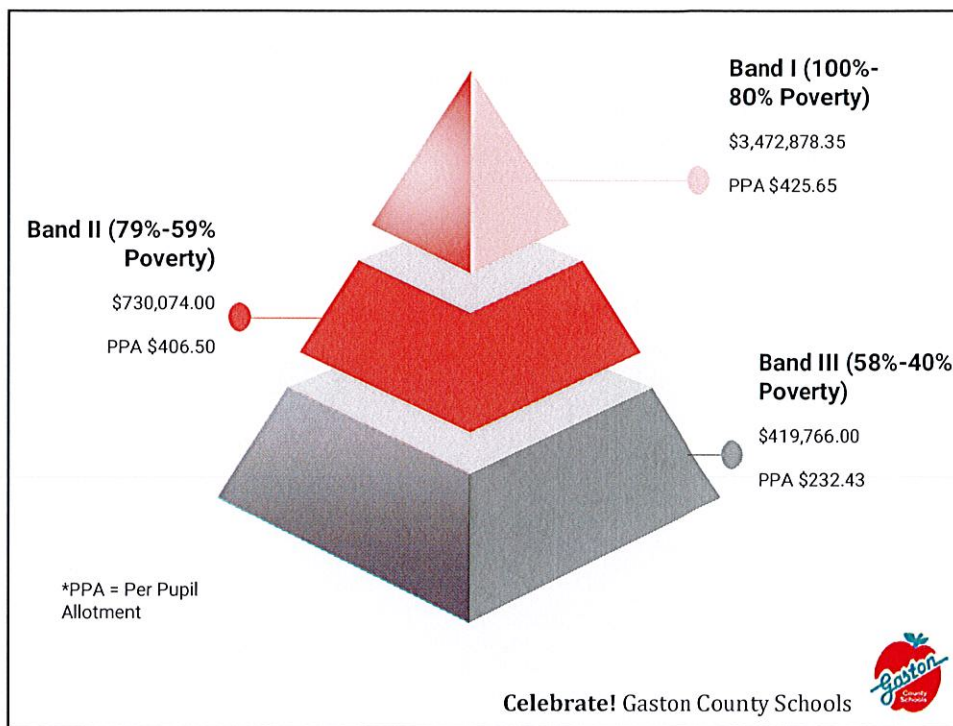


## 18/19 Title I Funding

### Poverty Bands

- Increase funding to most impoverished schools
- Increase number of students served





## 18/19 Expenditures for School Support

Math Support Teachers



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Curriculum Facilitators



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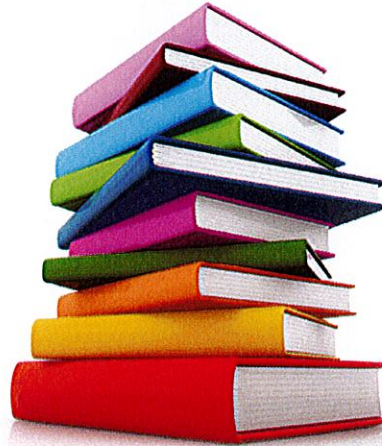
Literacy Teachers



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## Classroom Libraries



Questions?