

**Gaston County Schools**  
**Board of Education**  
**Monday, September 21, 2020**  
**Meeting 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Gaston County Board of Education met in a regular session on Monday, September 21, 2020 in the Board Room, 943 Osceola Street, Gastonia, NC. The Board of Education meeting was held electronically and conducted in accordance with social distancing requirements related to the coronavirus pandemic. Those Board Members in attendance were: Chairman Brent Moore, Vice Chairman Kevin Collier, Dot Cherry, Justin Davis, Lee Dedmon, Dot Guthrie (virtual), Steve Hall, Jeff Ramsey and Terry Usery (arrived after meeting in progress).

Additional attendees include: Superintendent Dr. W. Jeffrey Booker, Attorney Sonya McGraw, Associate Superintendents Melissa Balknight (virtual) and Gary Hoskins (virtual), Chief Communications Officer Todd Hagans (virtual), Administrative Assistant Andrea Stephens and Board Clerk Dana Luoto.

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**Invocation**

Superintendent Booker led the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Superintendent Booker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Adoption - Action**

The Board considered Agenda Adoption – Action

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented was made by Mr. Justin Davis seconded by Mr. Lee Dedmon motion carried unanimously. (8-0)

**Good News - Information**

Typically, we open each Board Meeting with “good news” about our schools, students and employees. While due to circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, we are unable to have appearances of guests we still have students worthy of recognition this afternoon. Superintendent Booker shared the following items of good news:

Superintendent Booker recognized three students who have been chosen as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Sydney Lester and Grace Nehring both of South Point High School and Marshall Pearson of Highland School of Technology are among 16,000 students announced as national semifinalists from a pool of 1.5 million students. They will have an opportunity to compete for 7,600 National Merit Scholarships that will be offered next spring.

Superintendent Booker recognized Avery Davis a freshman at Highland School of Technology. Last year at Belmont Middle, Avery participated in the North Carolina State Science Fair. Her project

was titled “Do You Have the Heart to Taste? A study of the Effects of Beta-Blockers on Older Adults’ Tasting Abilities.” Avery’s project gained attention at the state level and her work and research landed her among the top 300 science projects in the 2020 Broadcom Masters competition. The 300 participants were selected from more than 3,400 students nationally.

Superintendent Booker recognized Foster Rouse of Forestview High School who partnered with our Exceptional Children Department to complete requirements for his Eagle Scout project. Foster wrote and submitted a proposal to Teens Changing Gaston County and received \$1,000. He raised additional funds and was able to adapt more than 60 toys for use by children with disabilities and developmental challenges. Foster presented the completed toys to the Exceptional Children Department.

Superintendent Booker thanked two of our outstanding business partners for significant contributions made to our schools. Academy Sports donated 200 items valued at \$1,000 to Southwest Middle School. In addition, Academy Sports provided \$2,500 in gift cards to support physical education programs at other schools. Office Depot presented \$3,300 to Brookside Elementary School as part of the store’s “Give Back to Schools” program. Brookside will be able to use the funds to purchase items from Office Depot.

Superintendent Booker recognized Hawks Nest STEAM Academy which has earned the North Carolina STEM School of Distinction honor from the State Board of Education. Hawks Nest and one other school were the only ones in the state to receive this award for 2019-2020.

Superintendent Booker recognized our Excellence in Education winners for the 2020-2021 school year. This is usually done in May, but we unable to conduct in-person ceremonies because of the pandemic. A special program that features the announcement of our “Of the Year” winners, is airing this week at various times on Channel 21. We also have the video on our website.

- New Teacher of the Year — Trevor Dunlap of Pleasant Ridge Elementary School
- Teacher Assistant of the Year — Maggie Jo Hess of Webb Street School
- Central Office Administrator of the Year — Tamara Houchard, MTSS and PBIS Coordinator
- Assistant Principal of the Year — Dr. Tom Potter of Bessemer City High School
- Gaston County Principal of the Year — Crystal Houser of Forestview High School
- Gaston County Teacher of the Year — Peter Jones of North Gaston High School

### **Public Expression – Information**

Rekita McDuffie  
104 Planters Way  
Mount Holly, NC

RE: Concerns with Virtual Academy enrollment and lack of transparency and communication

Rebecca LaClaire  
6748 Kemp Street  
Charlotte, NC

RE: Red Raider Mascot

(Although Ms. LaClaire completed the Request to Speak form, she did not appear at the meeting.)

Kerry Hart  
121 Candace Court  
Stanley, NC  
RE: Band Program

ReGina Fazenbaker  
125 Huckleberry Lane  
Mount Holly, NC  
RE: South Point High School band program

Jonathan Bradley  
105 Heritage Court  
Belmont, NC  
RE: Return of in person music instruction

Garrick Spake  
100 Kingsford Drive  
Stanley, NC  
RE: Band program

Cheri Laycock  
1249 Rachel Anne Drive  
Belmont, NC  
RE: Band program

Kylie Laycock  
1249 Rachel Anne Drive  
Belmont, NC  
RE: Band program

Pamela Miller  
2001 D Cramerton Village Drive  
Cramerton, NC  
RE: Reopening elementary schools under Plan A

Che'z Adams  
1218 Monroe Drive  
Gastonia, NC  
RE: COVID-19 and school openings

**Approval/Correction of Minutes**

The Board considered Approval of Minutes – Action

Motion to adopt minutes of August 5, 2020 and August 17, 2020 as presented was made by Mr. Jeff Ramsey; seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry motion carried unanimously. (9-0)

### **Graduation Rate – Information**

Chairman Moore recognized Ms. Rebekka Powers who presented a PowerPoint on 2019-2020 NC Accountability Model Graduation Rate.

(View PowerPoint)

### **Gaston County Schools Business Advisory Council Update – Information**

Chairman Moore recognized Mr. Brett Buchanan who presented a PowerPoint on Gaston County Schools Business Advisory Council Update.

(View PowerPoint)

### **Adoption of 2020-2021 GCS Budget Resolution – Action**

Chairman Moore recognized Mr. Gary Hoskins who presented a PowerPoint on Budget Resolution FY 2020-2021.

### **Motion**

The Motion was made by Mr. Steve Hall; seconded by Mr. Terry Usery that the Board

#### **Approve Adoption of the 2020-2021 GCS Budget Resolution**

A vote was taken and motion to approve the item as presented carried unanimously. (9-0)

(View PowerPoint)

### **Local Assessment Schedule 2020-2021 – Information**

Chairman Moore recognized Mr. Michael Foust who presented a PowerPoint on the 2020-2021 Local Assessment Schedule.

(View PowerPoint)

### **Academic Services Update – Information**

Chairman Moore recognized Dr. Melissa Balknight who presented a PowerPoint on Academic Services Update.

(View PowerPoint)

### **COVID-19 Response for Employees and Students – Information**

Chairman Moore recognized Superintendent Booker who gave an update on the overall work on COVID-19 related items as we have opened our schools under Plan B. Superintendent Booker recognized Mr. Steve Eaton, Public Health Director Gaston County Department of Health & Human Services, who reported that the health department maintains regular communication with Gaston County Schools leadership. Mr. Eaton also discussed the measures that Gaston County Schools have in place to keep our students and employees safe and the members of the public informed.

Superintendent Booker recognized Ms. Denise McLean, Dr. Morgen Houchard and Mr. Joey Clinton. A PowerPoint was presented on COVID-19 Response for Employees and Students.

(View PowerPoint)

### **Consent Agenda – Action**

The Board considered the Consent Agenda:

- A. Recommended Personnel
- B. Budget Amendments & Budget Transfers
- C. Construction/Repair Change Orders
- D. Belmont Middle School – Network Equipment
- E. GCSTECH20-21 Microcomputers and Peripherals RFP Award
- F. Contracts
  - Edgenuity – Contract Amendment

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Mr. Kevin Collier; seconded by Ms. Dot Cherry motion carried unanimously. (9-0)

### **Superintendent’s Comments**

Superintendent Booker announced that our fall semester parent conferences will be on Thursday, October 8. Schools will dismiss early on October 8, and teachers will be available for conferences from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. We ask parents to contact their child’s teachers to schedule a virtual conference. Friday, October 9 will be an optional teacher workday and a remote learning day for all students.

Superintendent Booker reported that Valerie Yatko, director of business and community partnerships, will serve as our United Way coordinator. Superintendent Booker thanked United Way for donating masks to our school system.

### **Closed Session**

Chairman Moore asked the Board to consider going into Closed Session under, N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3) Consultation with Attorney and N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel.

Motion to go into Closed Session was made by Mr. Kevin Collier; seconded by Mr. Justin Davis; motion carried unanimously. (9-0)

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:41p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:49 p.m.

On behalf of the Board Mr. Justin Davis reported the following:

The lawsuit captioned *Heroy, as Guardian ad Litem for C.S., a minor et al. v. Gaston County Board of Education et al.*, Western District of North Carolina Case No. 3:19-CV-661, has been settled by the parties. The Gaston County Board of Education’s insurer agreed to pay the plaintiffs a total of \$130,000 in exchange for a full dismissal of the lawsuit. The Board of Education does not admit the plaintiffs’ allegations in the lawsuit or any wrongdoing and has settled this matter to avoid the time and expense of further litigation. A copy of the settlement agreement will be maintained in the Board’s records.

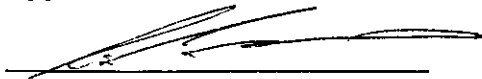
Chairman Moore wished a “Happy Birthday” to Mr. Dedmon.

**Adjournment**

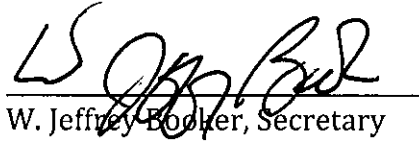
All business having been conducted, Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lee Dedmon; seconded by Mr. Steve Hall motion carried unanimously. (9-0)

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Approved:



Brent Moore, Chairman  
[Corporate Seal]

  
W. Jeffrey Booker, Secretary

Date Approved: 10-19-2020

# 2019-2020 NC Accountability Model *Graduation Rate*

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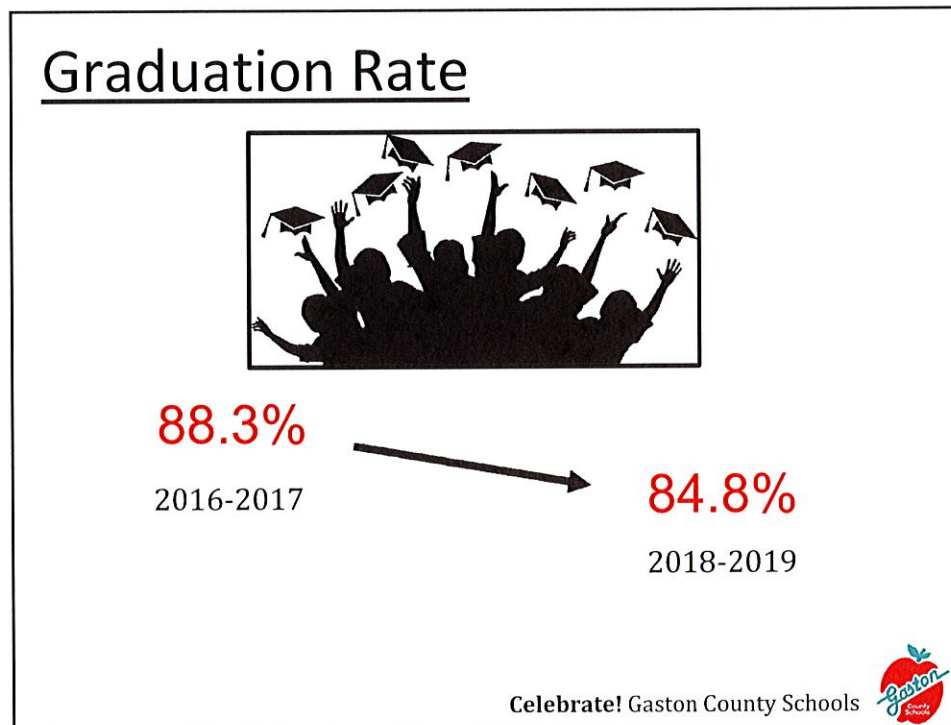
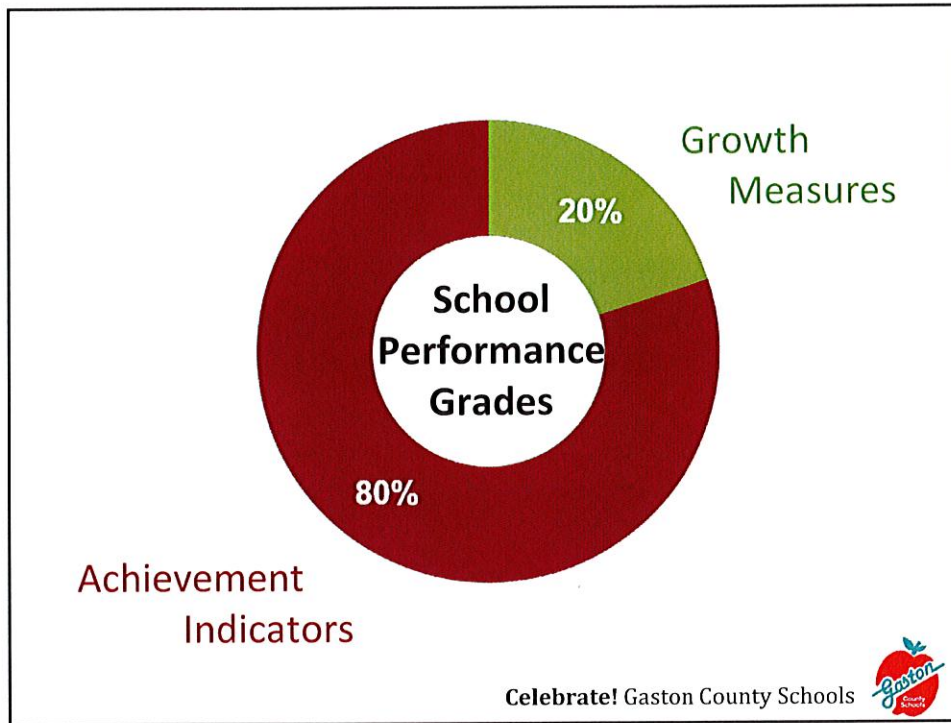


## NC Accountability Model

- Waiver 2019-2020
- School Performance Grades
- Long Term Goals

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## Graduation Rate



**88%**

**2019-2020**

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**Thank you!**

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# Gaston County Schools Business Advisory Council Update

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# Agenda

1. Agenda adoption
2. Approval of minutes
3. Term and member induction
4. Recommendations for CTE course offerings
5. New business
6. Next Meeting time and location
7. Adjournment

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## Ex Officio Members, Appointments

- **Superintendent**
  - Dr. W. Jeffrey Booker
- **President of Community College**
  - Dr. John Hauser
- **CTE Director**
  - Brett Buchanan (non-voting, secretary)
- **High School Principal**
  - Dr. Bryan Denton, Hunter Huss High School

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# Current Members

- Steve D'Avria - Gaston Regional Chamber (Current Chair)
- Tim Gause - Community Business Leader
- Greg Botner - Wilbert Plastics
- John Lowery - Lowery Financial
- Julie Roper - Dominion Energy
- Susan Farmer - Coats/Mannington
- Chris Tolbert - Tindol Ford

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## CTE Course offerings 20-21

[NC Program Areas](#)



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# New Business

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## Questions?

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**Next meeting - Location**

**Potential dates in  
February 2021 - 3, 17, 24**

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# Board of Education Meeting



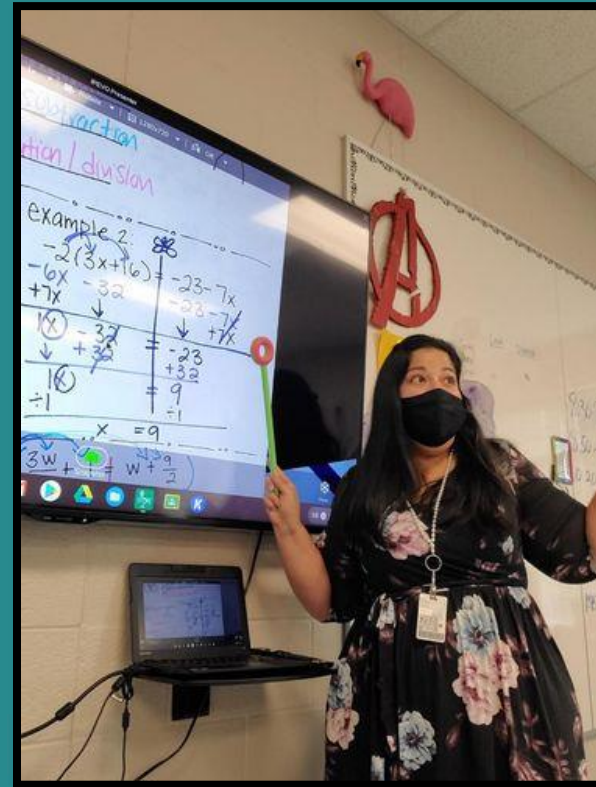
**Budget Resolution FY 2020-2021  
September 21, 2020**

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# Budget Overview

- Annual Budget
- Budget Summary
- Factors that Could Impact Budget





# Annual Budget



2020-2021

## ANNUAL BUDGET

GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

943 Osceola Street  
Gastonia, NC 28053

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# Annual Budget



2020-2021

## ANNUAL BUDGET

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# Annual Budget

Required by NC GS 115C-432 – The budget resolution, adoption and limitations

Sections 1 & 2 – State Public School Fund

Sections 3 & 4 – Local General Fund

Sections 5 & 6 – Federal Grants Fund

Sections 7 & 8 – Capital Outlay Fund

Sections 9 & 10 – Child Nutrition Fund

Sections 11 & 12 – Other Special Revenue Fund

Sections 13-16 – Other Directions and Limitations

# Annual Budget

## Changes and New Initiatives:

- Increased Gaston Virtual Academy from under 100 students last year to over 9,000 students this year
- Students have been assigned devices to take home
- Received CARES Act funding for COVID-19 related expenditures

# Changes and New Initiatives

## Changes and New Initiatives:

- Includes a \$500,000 reduction in local operating funding and a \$1,000,000 reduction in capital outlay
- State-mandated increases in benefit costs
- No budgeted use of fund balance

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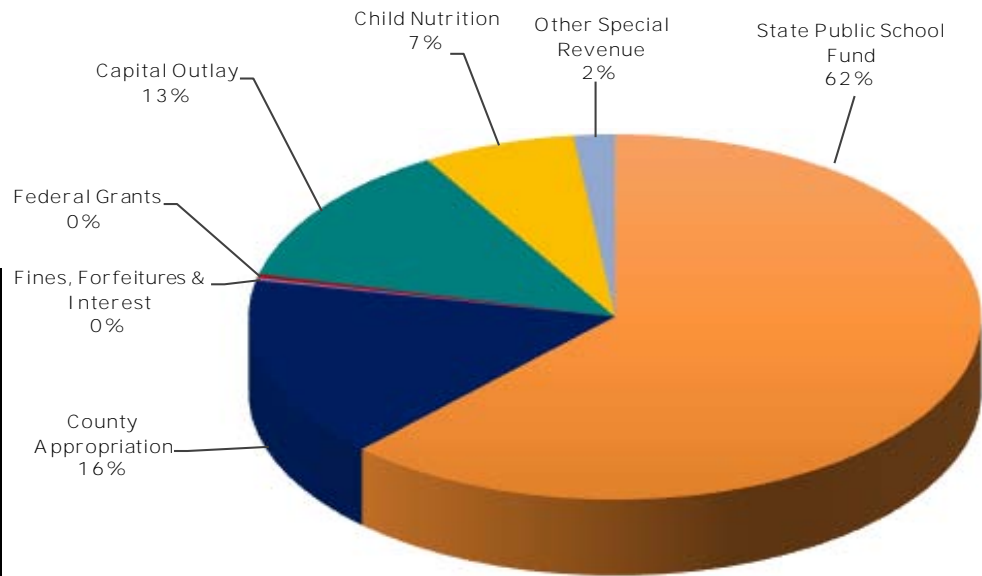
# Budget Summary

Revenue	2019-2020	2020-2021	\$ Difference	% Difference
State Public School Fund	\$ 184,438,114	\$ 192,224,705	\$ 7,786,591	4.22%
County Appropriation	50,311,704	49,811,704	(500,000)	-0.99%
Fines, Forfeitures and Interest	750,000	750,000	-	0.00%
GCS Fund Balance	-	-	-	0.00%
Federal Grants Fund	19,926,539	937,792	(18,988,747)	-95.29%
Other Special Revenue	5,331,737	5,647,661	315,924	5.93%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 260,758,094</b>	<b>\$ 249,371,862</b>	<b>\$ (11,386,232)</b>	<b>-4.37%</b>
Capital Outlay Fund	29,129,713	39,261,780	10,132,067	34.78%
Child Nutrition Fund	19,929,500	20,877,500	948,000	4.76%
<b>REVENUE - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 309,817,307</b>	<b>\$ 309,511,142</b>	<b>\$ (306,165)</b>	<b>-0.10%</b>

# Budget Summary

**SOURCES OF REVENUE**

State Public School Fund	\$	192,224,705
County Appropriation		49,811,704
Fines, Forfeitures & Interest		750,000
Federal Grants		937,792
Capital Outlay		39,261,780
Child Nutrition		20,877,500
Other Special Revenue		5,647,661
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>309,511,142</b>



**Note:** Details are provided in the Budget Resolution

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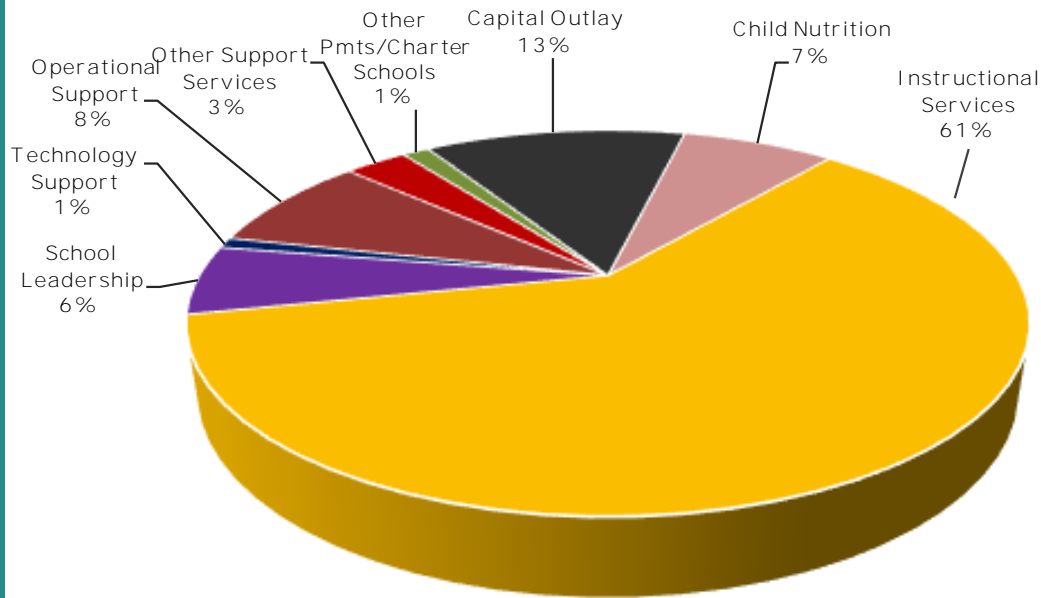




# Budget Summary

Expense	2019-2020	2020-2021	\$ Difference	% Difference
<b>Instructional Services</b>	\$ 199,207,612	\$ 187,596,668	\$ (11,610,944)	-5.83%
<b>School Leadership</b>	17,326,254	\$ 18,095,367	769,113	4.44%
<b>Technology Support</b>	2,961,808	\$ 2,825,335	(136,473)	-4.61%
<b>Operational Support</b>	25,180,293	\$ 25,554,989	374,696	1.49%
<b>Other Support Services</b>	11,859,750	\$ 9,337,182	(2,522,568)	-21.27%
<b>Charter School Payments</b>	3,660,000	\$ 4,000,000	340,000	9.29%
<b>Other Payments</b>	509,100	31,523	(477,577)	-93.81%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 260,704,817</b>	<b>\$ 247,441,064</b>	<b>\$ (13,263,753)</b>	<b>-5.09%</b>
<b>Capital Outlay Fund</b>	29,129,713	39,261,780	10,132,067	34.78%
<b>Child Nutrition Fund</b>	19,982,777	22,808,299	2,825,522	14.14%
<b>EXPENSE - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 309,817,307</b>	<b>\$ 309,511,142</b>	<b>\$ (306,165)</b>	<b>-0.10%</b>

# Budget Summary



## BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

Instructional Services	\$	187,596,668
School Leadership		18,095,367
Technology Support		2,825,335
Operational Support		25,554,989
Other Support Services		9,337,182
Other Pmts/Charter Schools		4,031,523
Capital Outlay		39,261,780
Child Nutrition		22,808,299
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$309,511,142</b>

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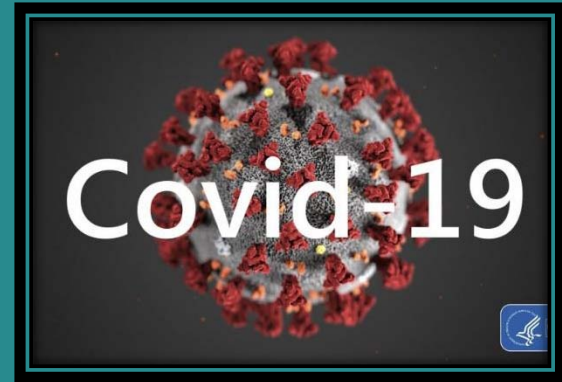
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# External Factors

- COVID-19
- State Budget Uncertainty
- Economic Conditions
- Inflation
- Changes in State and Federal Laws and Regulations
- Student Population Trends



# Internal Factors

- Competitive Compensation
- Technology Hardware and Software
- Expanded School Choice Opportunities
- Remote Learning Options
- School Facility Improvement



# Thank You



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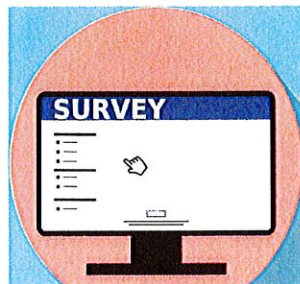
# 2020-2021 Local Assessment Schedule

Gaston County Schools  
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## Legislative Requirements



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## What is “local” testing?



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## Examples of “Local” Assessments



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# 2020-21 Testing Calendar

Gaston County Schools Local Assessment Schedule  
2020-2021

Assessment	Frequency	Grade Level	Test Duration
Grade Diagnostic Reading	BOY - (Aug. 17-Sept. 18) MOY - (Dec. 01 - Dec. 19) EOY - (Apr. 12-Apr. 30)	5-8	20 min
Grade Diagnostic Math	BOY - (Aug. 17-Sept. 18) MOY - (Nov. 30 - Dec. 18) EOY - (Apr. 12-Apr. 30)	1-8 K (BOY & EOY)	20 min
Handwriting Mastery Assessments Reading & Math	Ongoing (administered once per standard); optional	3-8	15 min
NCDPI Check-in Grades 3-8 3rd Grade Math 4th Grade ELA & Math 5th Grade ELA, Math, Science 6th Grade ELA & Math 7th Grade ELA & Math 8th Grade ELA & Math, Science	NCTEST NCDPI Check-in #1 - Oct 23 - Nov 8 NCDPI Check-in #2 - Jan 11 - Jan 22 NCDPI Check-in #3 - Mar 22 - April 01	3-8	20 min
NCDPI Check-in Math I High School Early College Grade 9	NCTEST NCDPI Check-in #1 (HS Early College): Sept 28-Oct 2, March 01-05 NCDPI Check-in #1 (HS Early College): Nov 16-20 NCDPI Check-in #2 (HS Early College): Nov 16-Nov 20, April 26-30 NCDPI Check-in #2 (HS Early College): March 22-April 01	9-12	20 min
GCS District Formative Assessments - Math School • All Core Courses • Biology, English II, NC Math 3	Case 21 Benchmarks 1st Semester: Sept 28-Oct 2, Nov 16-Nov 20 2nd Semester: March 01-Oct 05, April 26-30	9-12	20 min
Teacher-made Exams	Teacher-Made End of Course Exams-Summative (Fall & Spring)	9-12	120 min
CapAT - IQ Test	February 1-5, 2021	3	120 min
CapAT - IQ Test	March 23-March 25, 2021	2	120 min
Math Assessment EOY	August 17-September 11	K	10 min
NC Early Learning Inventory (NC ELI)	Aug. 17-Nov. 30, March 1-31	K-2	10 min

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# 2020-21 Testing Calendar

Gaston County Schools  
2020-2021 Test Administration Dates  
State Mandated, Field Tests, and Local Assessments

Test	Grades	Administration Dates	Assessment Type	Platform
State Diagnostic Reading (K-1)	All Grades	Aug. 17-Sept. 18, 2020	State Mandated	NCPI (BOY, MOY, EOY)
State Diagnostic Math (K-1)	Grades 1-8	Aug. 17-Sept. 18, 2020	State Mandated	NCPI (BOY, MOY, EOY)
Handwriting Mastery Assessments Reading & Math	Grades 3-8	Ongoing	Local Assessment	Handwriting Mastery Assessments
NCDPI Check-in Grades 3-8	Grades 3-8	Oct 23 - Nov 8, 2020	State Mandated	NCPI
NCDPI Check-in Math I	Grades 9-12	Sept 28-Oct 2, March 01-05, Nov 16-20, April 26-30, 2020	State Mandated	NCPI
GCS District Formative Assessments - Math School	All Core Courses	Sept 28-Oct 2, Nov 16-Nov 20, March 01-Oct 05, April 26-30, 2020	Local Assessment	NCPI
Teacher-made Exams	All Grades	Fall & Spring	Local Assessment	Teacher-made Exams
CapAT - IQ Test	Grade 3	February 1-5, 2021	Local Assessment	CapAT
CapAT - IQ Test	Grade 2	March 23-March 25, 2021	Local Assessment	CapAT
Math Assessment EOY	Kindergarten	August 17-September 11, 2020	Local Assessment	Math Assessment EOY
NC Early Learning Inventory (NC ELI)	Kindergarten-2	August 17-November 30, March 1-31, 2020	Local Assessment	NC ELI

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# New Legislative Requirements



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# New Legislative Requirements



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## Two-Year Averages

	Total Tests 2020	Total Time 2020	Total Tests 2019	Total Time 2019	Total Tests (2-year)	Total Time (2-year)	Average Tests (2-year)	Average Time (2-year)
State of North Carolina	12,153	1,522,538 minutes	13,569	1,684,485 minutes	25,722	3,207,023	111.83	13,943.58
Gaston County Schools	110	16,410 minutes	239	30,000 minutes	349	46,410 minutes	174.5	23,205 minutes

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## Two-Year Averages



**129**



**13,590**

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Thank you!

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# Academic Services Updates

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2020-2021 School Year

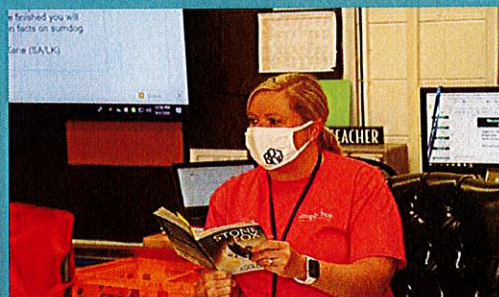
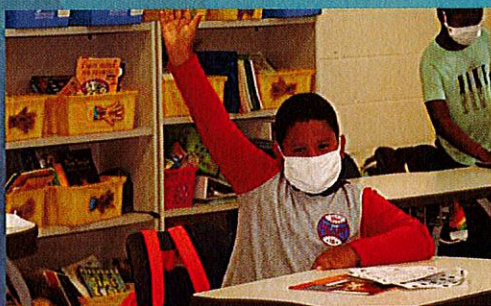
Curriculum	Instruction	Grades & Assessments	Support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• K-5 Review</li> <li>• 6-8 Mixture of review &amp; new content</li> <li>• 9-12 New content</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combination of teacher created and district created content</li> <li>• Online and paper copy options</li> <li>• Teachers used multiple programs and platforms for instruction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State legislated grades determined by student progress through March (PC19 or WC19)</li> <li>• No state assessments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom teachers posted and monitored online assignments</li> <li>• District helpline for student support</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• K-12 New content with focus on addressing gaps from spring semester.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blended approach                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Face to face</li> <li>○ Remote</li> <li>○ Synchronous</li> <li>○ Asynchronous</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers assess and grade based on current student progress</li> <li>• Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos has confirmed that all states will provide assessments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State mandated Learning Management Systems</li> <li>• 1:1 devices available</li> <li>• Hotspots for students with accessibility issues</li> </ul>

## Plan B at a Glance

	Elementary Schools K-5	Middle Schools 6-8	High Schools 9-12
<b>Student Grouping</b>	Reduced capacity Cohort A - 50% of student body Cohort B - 50% of student body	Reduced capacity Cohort A - 50% of student body Cohort B - 50% of student body	Reduced capacity Cohort A - 50% of student body Cohort B - 50% of student body
<b>Frequency and type of Instruction</b>	<p><b>Cohort A</b></p> <p>Face to Face Monday - Tuesday Remote Learning Wednesday, Thursday and Friday</p> <p><b>Cohort B</b></p> <p>Face to Face Thursday - Friday Remote Learning Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday</p> <p>Remote Learning for all students on Wednesday</p> <p><i>(All remote learning option available)</i></p>	<p><b>Cohort A</b></p> <p>Face to Face Monday - Tuesday Remote Learning Wednesday, Thursday and Friday</p> <p><b>Cohort B</b></p> <p>Face to Face Thursday - Friday Remote Learning Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday</p> <p>Remote Learning for all students on Wednesday</p> <p><i>(All remote learning option available)</i></p>	<p><b>Cohort A</b></p> <p>Face to Face Monday - Tuesday Remote Learning Wednesday, Thursday and Friday</p> <p><b>Cohort B</b></p> <p>Face to Face Thursday - Friday Remote Learning Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday</p> <p>Remote Learning for all students on Wednesday</p> <p><i>(All remote learning option available)</i></p>

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## Blended Learning



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## SYNCHRONOUS VS ASYNCHRONOUS

	Platform	Live Instruction	Teacher	Pace	Courses Offered
Synchronous Learning	K-5 SCHOOLGY 6-12 CANVAS	DAILY	TEACHERS ASSIGNED TO GVA STUDENTS	TEACHER PACE BASED ON GCS CURRICULUM DOCUMENTS	ALL CORE AND MANY ELECTIVES
Asynchronous Learning	K-5 SCHOOLGY 6-12 EDGENUITY	NONE	TEACHERS ASSIGNED FROM GCS SCHOOLS	STUDENT PACED	ALL CORE AND SELECTED 6-12 ELECTIVES

## SYNCHRONOUS VS ASYNCHRONOUS

	Teacher Responsibilities	Student Responsibilities
Synchronous Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● LIVE INSTRUCTION DAILY</li> <li>● POSTING CONTENT</li> <li>● STUDENT SUPPORT</li> <li>● DAILY ATTENDANCE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ATTENDING LIVE INSTRUCTION DAILY</li> <li>● COMPLETING COURSEWORK</li> <li>● DAILY ATTENDANCE &amp; COMMUNICATION</li> </ul>
Asynchronous Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● POSTING CONTENT CREATED BY AFS (K-5)</li> <li>● STUDENT FEEDBACK/GRADING</li> <li>● ATTENDANCE WEEKLY BASED ON LOGINS/WORK COMPLETED</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● COMPLETING COURSEWORK DAILY</li> <li>● STAYING ON PACE AND UP TO DATE WITH ASSIGNMENTS</li> <li>● LOGGING IN DAILY AND COMPLETING WORK</li> </ul>

# Synchronous Asynchronous



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ALL ELEMENTARY ASYNCHRONOUS CONTENT IS  
CREATED BY THE ACADEMIC FACILITATORS

CONTENT WILL BE LOADED INTO MASTER  
SCHOOLLOGY FOLDERS AND IMPORTED BY THE  
TEACHER OF RECORD INTO THEIR COURSES  
WEEKLY

STUDENT GRADING AND FEEDBACK WILL BE  
ATTENDED TO BY THE TEACHER OF RECORD  
WEEKLY.





SECONDARY ASYNCHRONOUS COURSES CONSIST OF PRE-MADE CONTENT

STUDENTS WILL LOG IN DAILY AND COMPLETE COURSEWORK ON THEIR OWN TIME

TEACHERS OF RECORD WILL BE ASSIGNED TO CHECK PROGRESS, GIVE FEEDBACK, AND TAKE ATTENDANCE

## PARENT ACADEMY

### Remote Learning at Home



Learning Management Systems / Digital Tools Resources



Help Desk



Social and Emotional Support Resources

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# Fine Arts Update

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## FINE ARTS



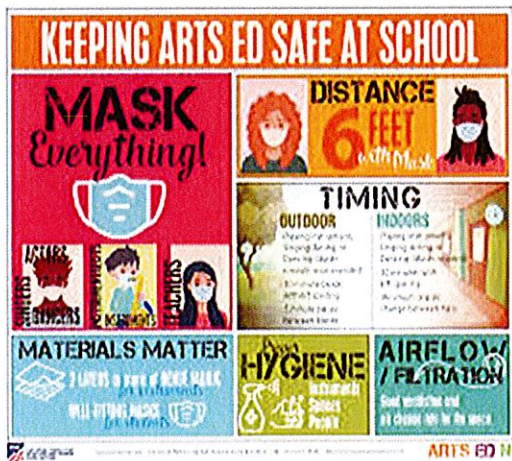
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# BAND

- INCREASED RISK OF TRANSMISSION
- PROTOCOLS TO DISINFECT SHARED EQUIPMENT
- 6 FEET
- LIMIT OR AVOID THE PLAYING OF WOODWIND AND BRASS INSTRUMENTS DUE TO INCREASED RISK OF RESPIRATORY DROPLETS, AND INABILITY TO WEAR A CLOTH FACE COVERING WHILE PLAYING



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# CHORUS

- GROUP ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS SINGING (E.G. CHOIR, GLEE CLUB, A CAPELLA GROUPS, MUSICAL THEATRE) WITH THE POTENTIAL TO GENERATE INCREASED RESPIRATORY DROPLETS SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

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# Health and Physical Education Athletics Community Use Driver's Education Updates

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## HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- MORE OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES
- MORE INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES



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# ATHLETICS



- VOLUNTARY WORKOUTS
- PRACTICE - 11/4/2020
  - VOLLEYBALL AND CROSS COUNTRY
- FULL AMENDED [NCHSAA SCHEDULE](#)



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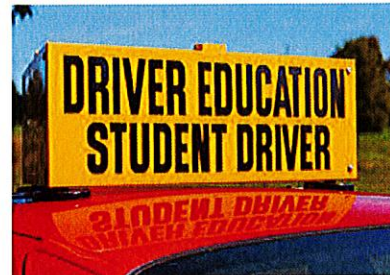
# COMMUNITY USE



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## DRIVER'S EDUCATION

- BEHIND THE WHEEL
- CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION



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## Department for Exceptional Children Related Services Updates

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## Related Services Timeline

### Spring 2020

- Related Service Providers participated in teletherapy training through their professional organizations

### Summer 2020

- Along with guidance from Technology Support Services, different platforms were vetted

### Fall 2020

- Teletherapy and meetings started



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Google Meet

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## Service Provider Information

Speech Language Pathologists	49
Speech Language Pathology Assistants	2
Occupational Therapists	18
Physical Therapists	3

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## Virtual Service Delivery

Speech	347
Occupational Therapy	96
Physical Therapy	9

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## In Person Service Delivery

Speech	1,240
Occupational Therapy	562
Physical Therapy	122

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## Academic Services Back to School Updates

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# COVID-19 Response for Employees and Students

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Health Professionals

Partnership with Health  
and Human Services



## **Steve Eaton, MPH**

Public Health Director  
Gaston County Department of Health  
and Human Services

- Partners with GCS leadership.
- Maintains regular communication with GCS leadership.

# Health Professionals

**Ms. Denise McLean, Executive Director**

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## **Susan Neeley**

Coordinator, Health Services and School Social Work

- 30 years Nurse Supervisor, Manager, and Clinician Educator
- Day-to-Day Operations
- Works Directly with School Nurses

## **Betty Worthy**

Health Compliant Coordinator

- 30 years Public Health Administrator
- Focus on COVID-19 Efforts
- Liaison to Gaston County Department of Health and Human Services

# Gaston College Partnership

Susan Neeley

- COVID-19 Screenings
- Support GCS Schools

Gaston College Partners with  
Gaston County Schools to do  
COVID-19 screenings



As Gaston County schoolchildren in grades K through 12 went back to school last week, Gaston College health students and the County schools partnered to screen the students for COVID-19 as they arrived at their schools.



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Facility Services

Transportation

School Nutrition



## Facility Services

Chip Irby, Director

- Maintain Cleaning, Disinfectant, and PPE Supplies
- Support On-going GCS COVID-19 Facility Needs
- Consistent School-Based Deep Cleaning

## Transportation

Paul Williams, Director

- On-going school bus disinfectant
- Utilize bus monitors
- Attestation forms

**REMEMBER!**  
Meals at ALL schools are free. Grab & Go Meals available from 12:00PM to 1:00 PM See list below!

**BUS ROUTES AND TIMES—JOIN US FOR LUNCH!**



- Ashbrook High
- Belmont Central
- Bessemer City Senior
- Brookside
- Carr
- Catawba Heights
- Chapel Grove
- Cherryville High
- Cherryville Elem
- Warlick Academy
- Costner
- East Gaston
- Dadler
- Webb Street
- Gardner Park
- Grier Middle
- Holbrook
- Hunter Huss
- Page
- Chavis Middle

- Kiser Int
- Bessemer City Middle
- Lingerfeldt
- Lowell
- McAdenville
- Mount Holly Middle
- New Hope
- North Belmont
- Pinewood
- Pleasant Ridge
- Robinson
- Sherwood
- HH Beam
- Southwest
- Springfield
- Stanley Middle
- Tryon
- WA Bess
- WC Friday
- Woodhill
- York Chester

Route 1	Location of Stop	Approx Time
Stanley Square Apts	814 N Buckoak St, Stanley, NC	10:20AM - 10:40 PM
Oak Grove Park	119 Oak Grove Park Road, Dallas,	10:55 AM - 11:15 AM
Long Creek Apartments	1005 Lower Dallas Hwy, Dallas,	11:25AM - 11:45 AM
Cline MHP	918 Cline Park Drive, Gastonia	11:55 AM - 12: 15 PM
Lowell Salvation B & G	715 N Main Street, Lowell 28098	12:25 PM - 12:45 PM
Route 2	Location of Stop	Approx Time
Holly Hills Apts	311 South Hawthorne Street, MT	10:20AM - 10:40 PM
Kendrick Apts	800 West Charlotte Ave, MT Holly,	10:55 AM - 11:15 AM
Hickory Village MPH	Noles Drive, MT Holly 28120	11:25 AM - 11:45 AM
Azaela Hills	408 Andrew Cir, Gastonia, NC	12:00 PM - 12: 20 PM
Route 3	Location of Stop	Approx Time
Reid Park	305 Sacco Street, Belmont, NC	10:30 AM - 10:50 AM
Flowers Court	51 Flowers Court, Belmont 28012	11:00 AM - 11:20 AM
Tre McKee MHP	108 River Loop Road, Belmont	11: 35 AM - 11:55 AM
Route 4	Location of Stop	Approx Time
Creekside Estates	204 Chinook Road, Bessemer City	10:10 AM -10:30 AM
Cherrywood Apts	510 Office Lane, Cherryville 28021	11:00 AM - 11: 20 AM
Churchill Apts	411 N Pine St, Cherryville, NC 28021	11:30 AM - 11:50 AM
Harlyn Apts	705 S Mountain Street, Cherryville	12:00 PM - 12:20 PM
Route 5	Location of Stop	Approx Time
Loray Mills Apts	300 S. Firestone Street, Gastonia	10:20 AM - 10:40 AM
St. Stephen's Church	201 West Franklin Blvd Gastonia	10:50 AM -11:10 AM
Calvary Baptist (ASPIRE)	3001 York Hwy, Gastonia, NC 28052	11:25 AM - 11:45 AM
Orion Oaks MPH	Angler Way & Accent Lane Intersec-	12:00 PM - 12:20 PM

FREE for kids 1-18 years of age!

Children are not required to be present

Pick up at ANY location convenient to you.

\*The above pick up /drop off locations and times are subject to change based on the needs of our students

# School Nutrition

Angela Calamia, Director

- Continue to offer Grab and Go Meal Services
- Expanded meal deliveries with Grab and Go
- Newly introduced Breakfast Grab and Go Offering

# Human Resources

**Mr. Joey Clinton, Executive Director**

**September 21, 2020**

# COVID-19 Collaboration

## GCS HR/GCS Health Services/DHHS Daily Meeting

- Daily meetings
- Quarantine Guidance
- Contact Tracing
- Calling Administrators/ Employees/ Students/ Parents

## GCS HR/ GCS Communication

Communication with stakeholders

## GCS HR/GCS Student Services

Guidance for School personnel

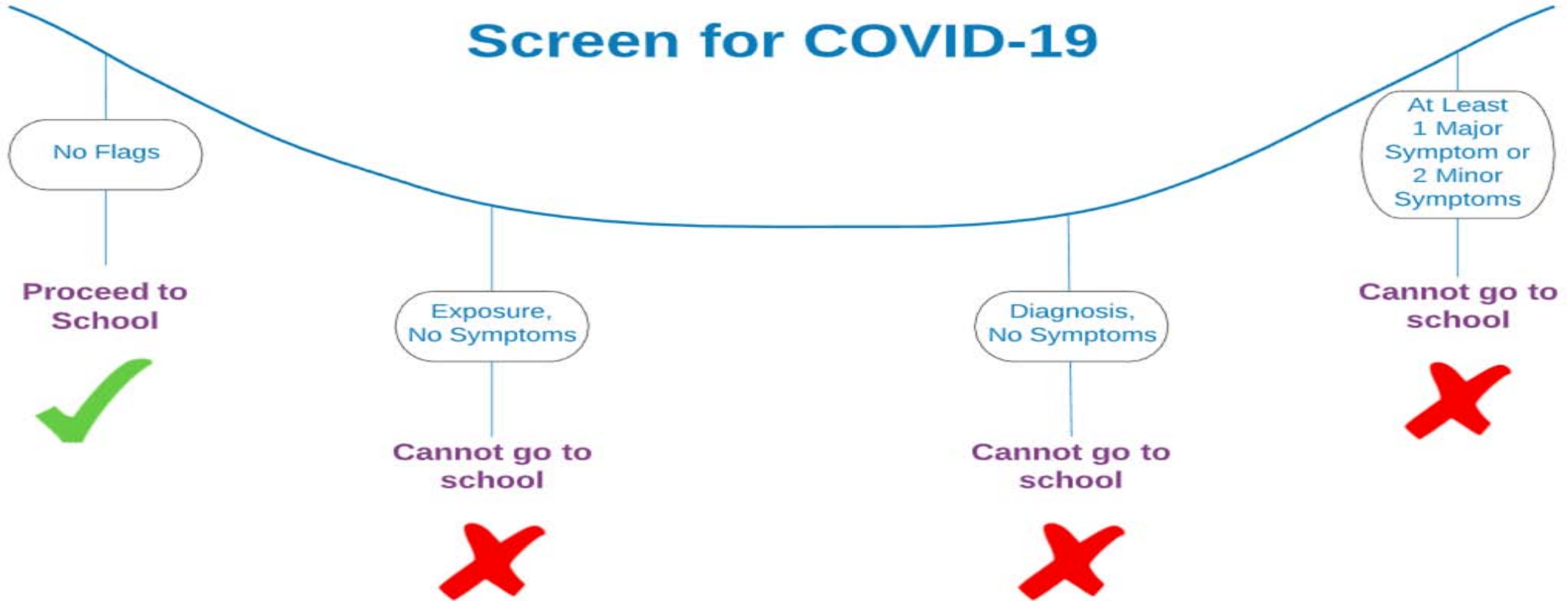
## GCS HR/GCS TSS

Daily Symptom Screener

## GCS HR/GCS Finance

Absence reporting

## Screen for COVID-19



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