# Gaston County Schools Board of Education Retreat Friday, January 27, 2023 Immediately Following Board of Education Meeting

### MINUTES

The Gaston County Board of Education held its annual retreat on Friday, January 27, 2023 immediately following the Board of Education Meeting in the Linda Rader Staff Development Center, 240 Eighth Avenue, Cramerton, NC. Those Board Members in attendance were: Chairman Jeff Ramsey, Vice Chairman Dot Cherry, Josh Crisp, Lee Dedmon, Dot Guthrie, Tod Kinlaw, Robbie Lovelace, Brent Moore, and A.M. Stephens, III.

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

Dr. Booker presented "Reflection" as a group activity.

### **Technology Support Services**

Superintendent Booker recognized Dr. Aaron Slutsky who presented a PowerPoint on Technology Support Services. Discussion followed.

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### **Accountability and Strategic Planning Progress**

Superintendent Booker recognized Dr. Rebekka Powers who presented a PowerPoint on Accountability and Testing. Discussion followed.

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### **Academic Services**

Superintendent Booker recognized Dr. Melissa Balknight who presented a PowerPoint on Academic Services. Discussion followed.

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### **Auxiliary Services**

Superintendent Booker recognized Dr. Morgen Houchard who introduced Mr. David Bellamy with LS3P. Mr. Bellamy presented a PowerPoint on Grier Middle School Replacement.

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Dr. Morgen Houchard presented a PowerPoint on Auxiliary Services.

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### **Finance and Operations**

Superintendent Booker recognized Mr. Gary Hoskins who presented a PowerPoint on Finance.

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### **Auxiliary Services**

Superintendent Booker recognized Dr. Morgen Houchard who presented a PowerPoint on Bond and Capital Projects.

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Superintendent Booker thanked Board Members for attending the Retreat.

Chairman Ramsey thanked Board Members for attending the Retreat and staff for all of their work that went into preparing for the retreat. The next Board of Education Meeting will be Monday, February 20, 2023.

Chairman Ramsey announced the following:

# **Curriculum & Instruction Committee Members**

Dot Guthrie – Chair Josh Crisp Tod Kinlaw Robbie Lovelace

## **Operations Committee Members**

Brent Moore – Chair Dot Cherry Lee Dedmon A.M. Stephens

The Board Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Approved:

Jeff k. Ramsey, Chairman

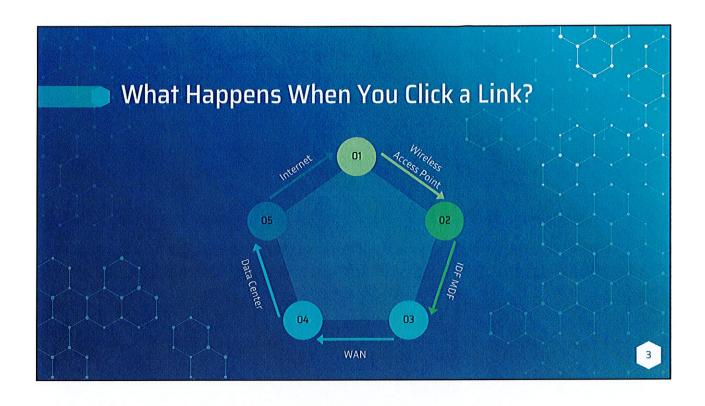
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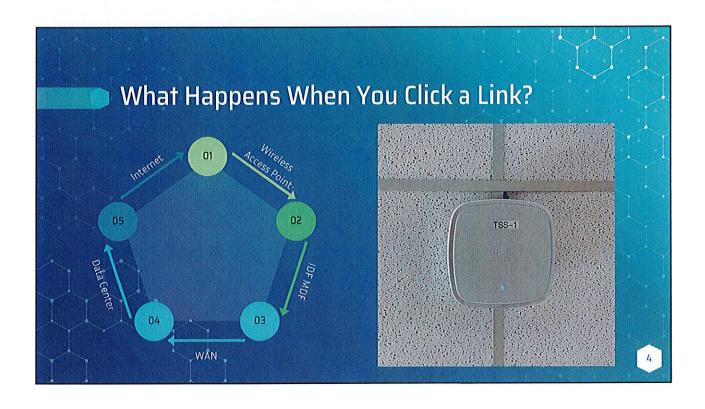
V. Jeffrey Booker, Secretary

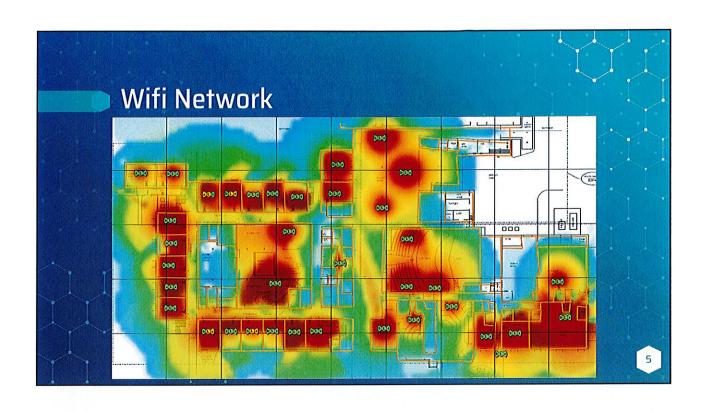
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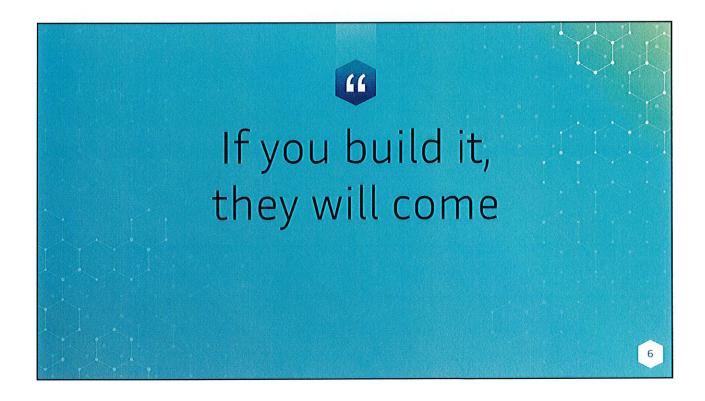


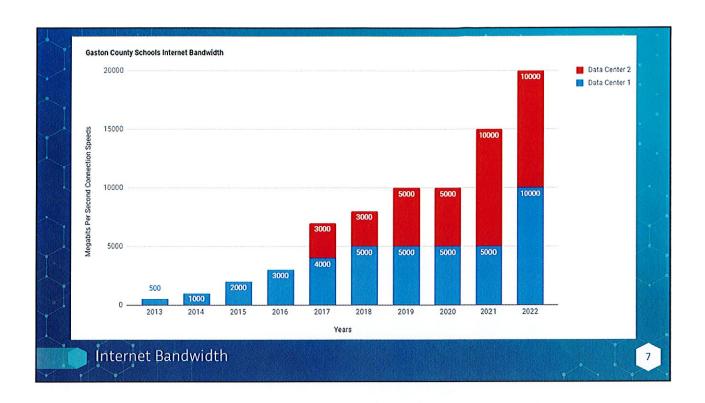


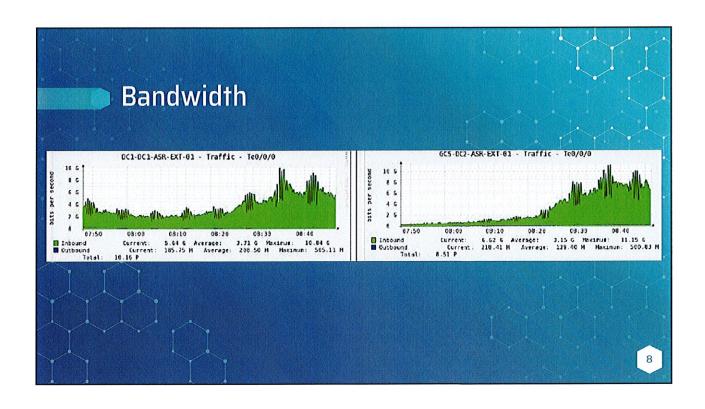


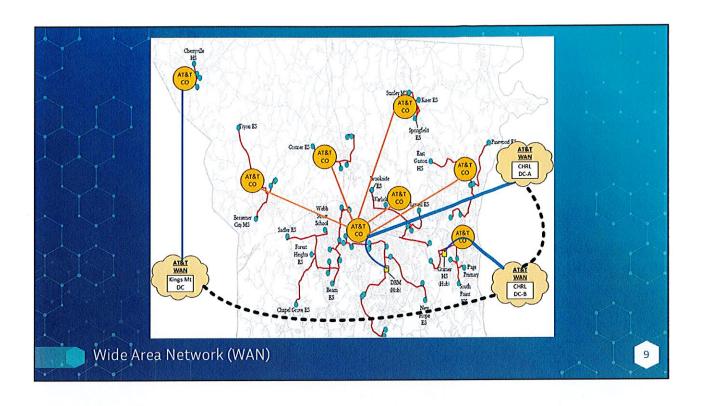


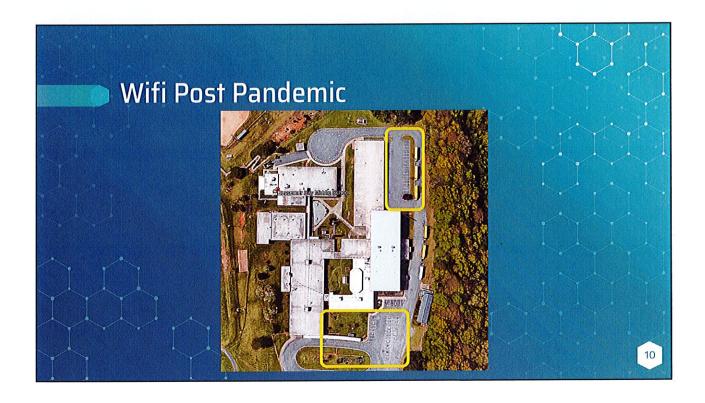


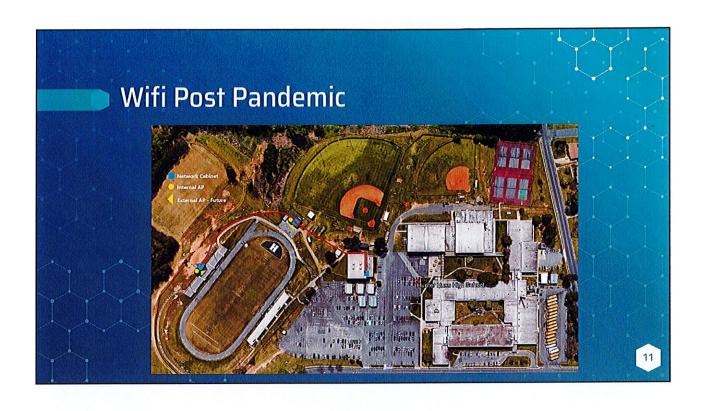


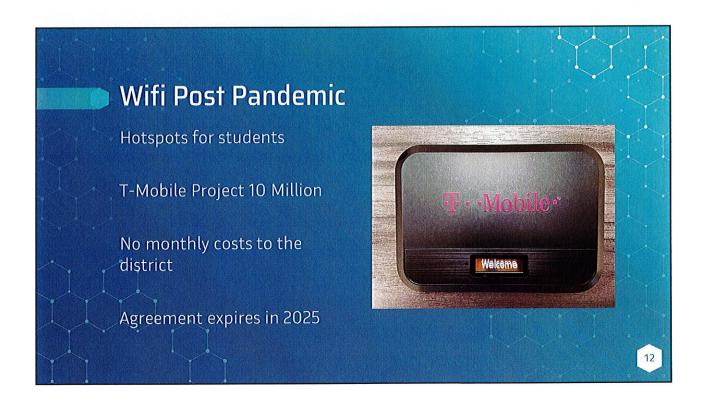




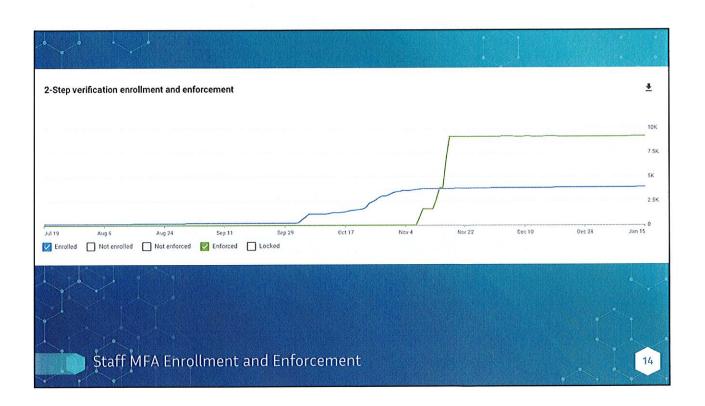


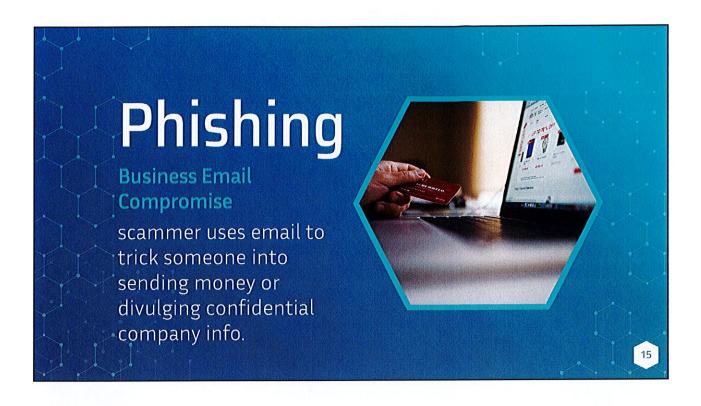


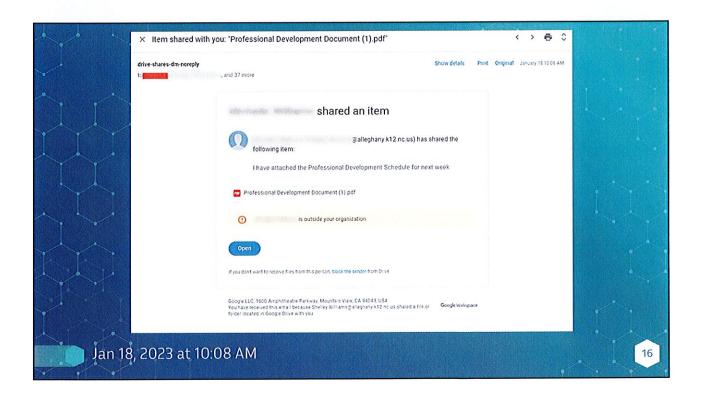


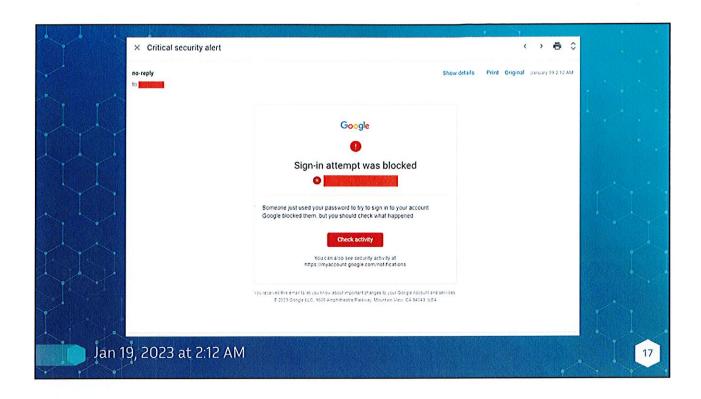


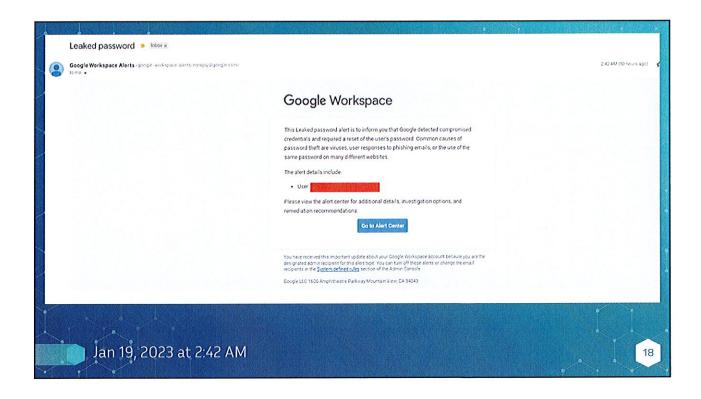


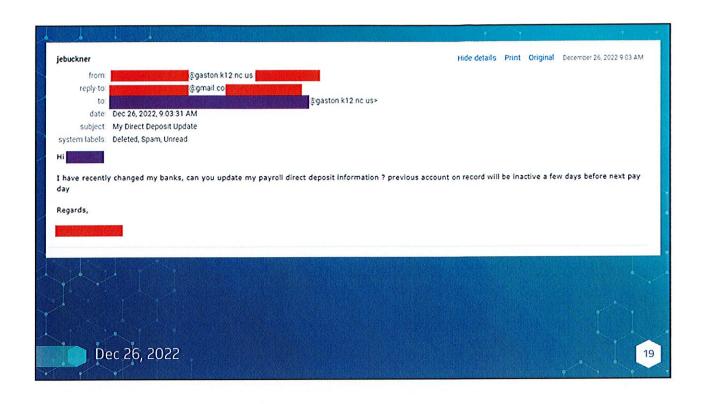


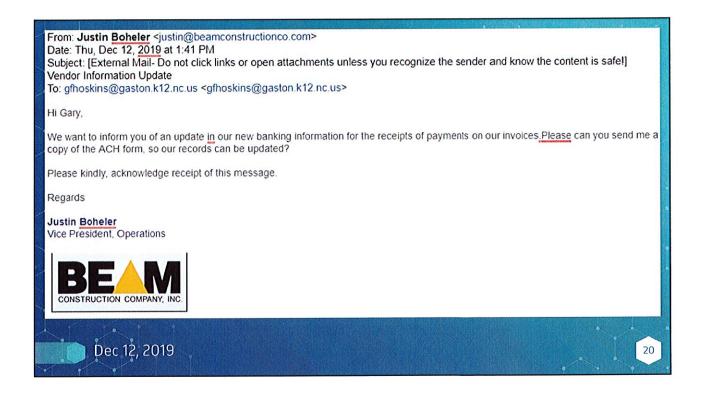




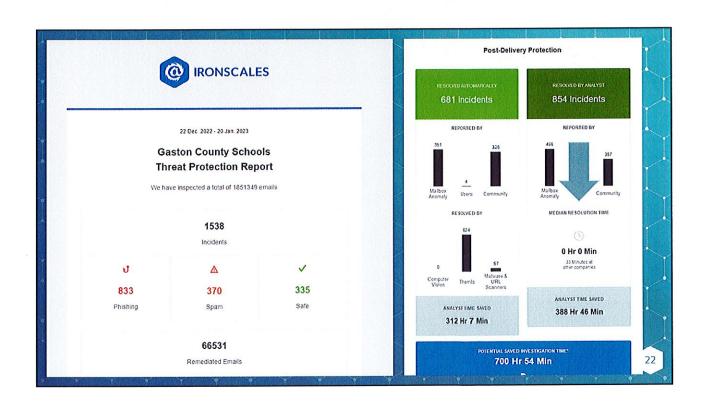






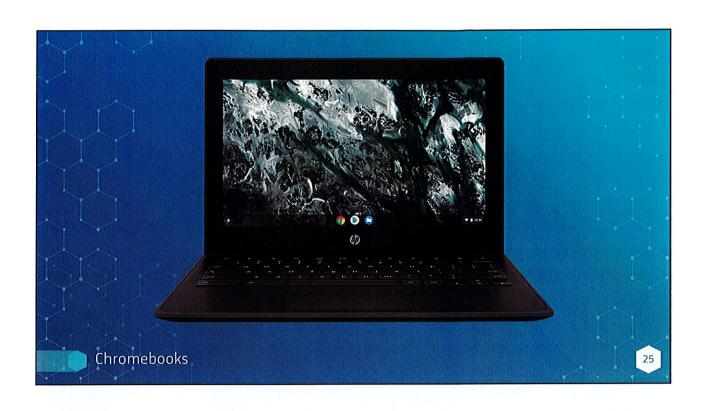


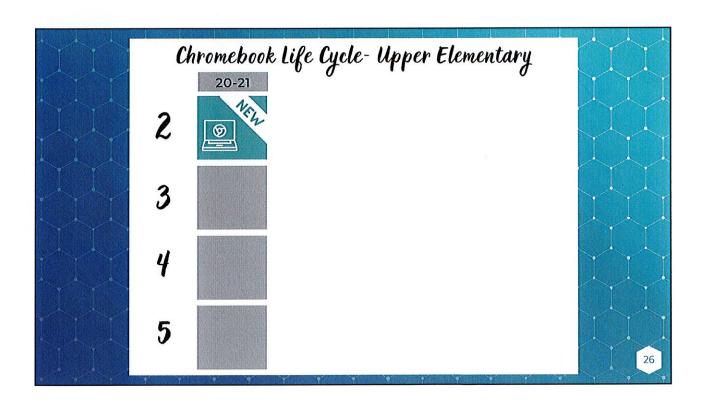


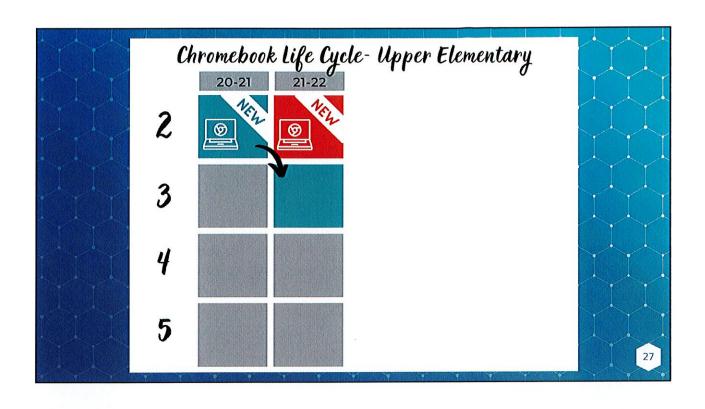


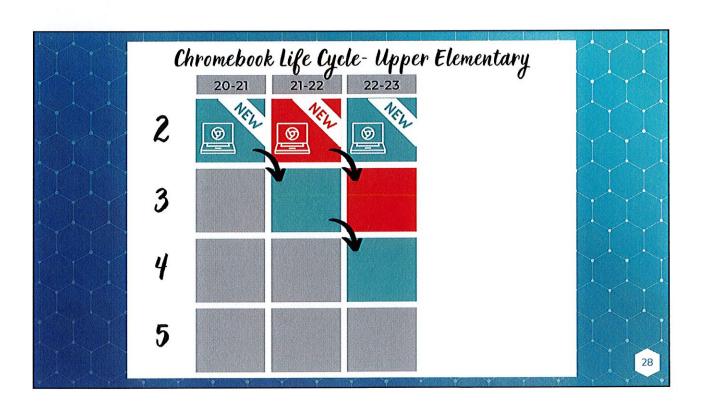


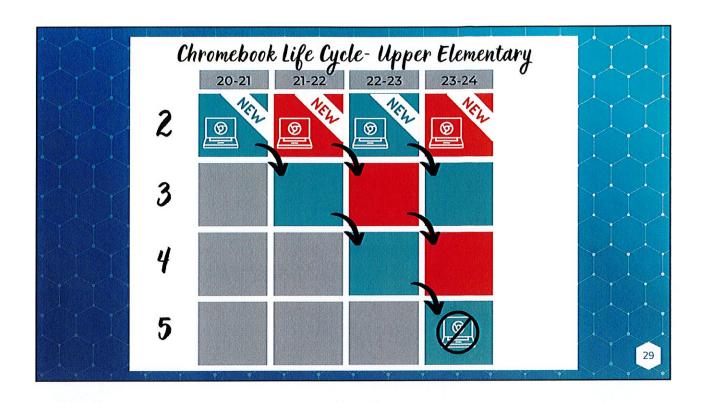


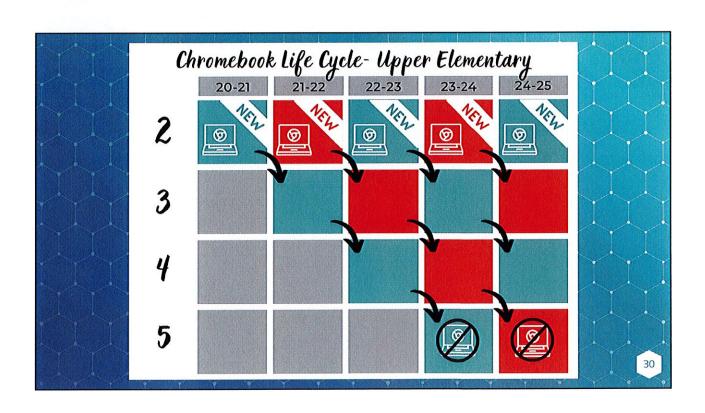


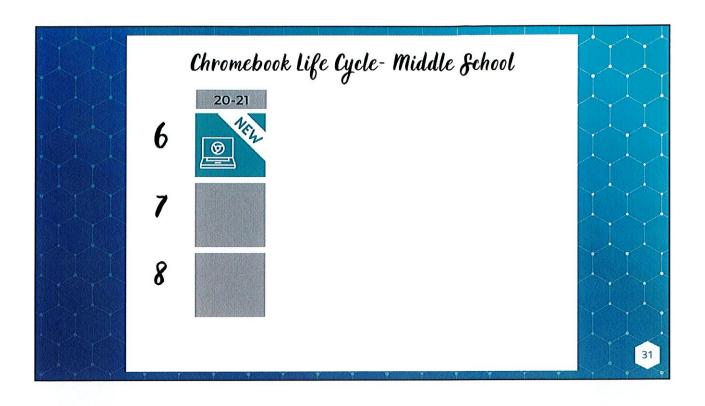


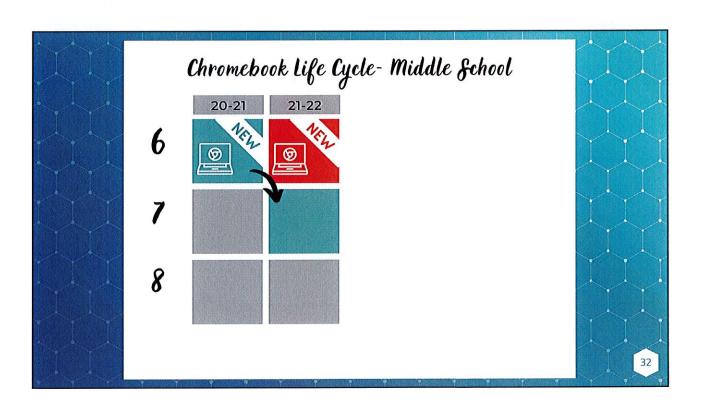


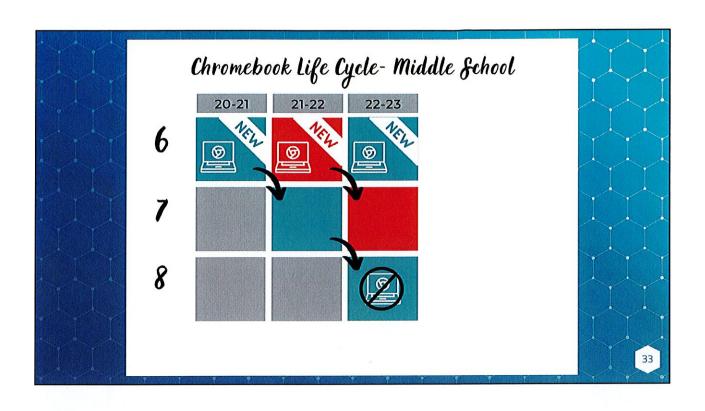


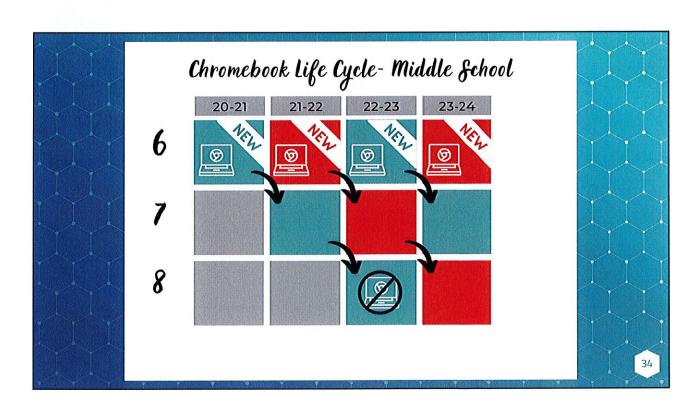


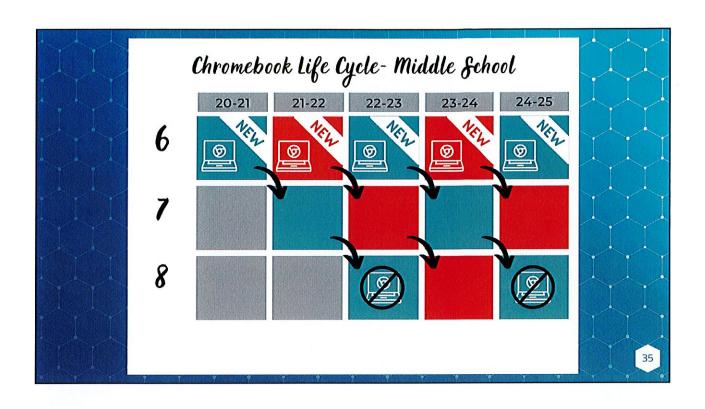


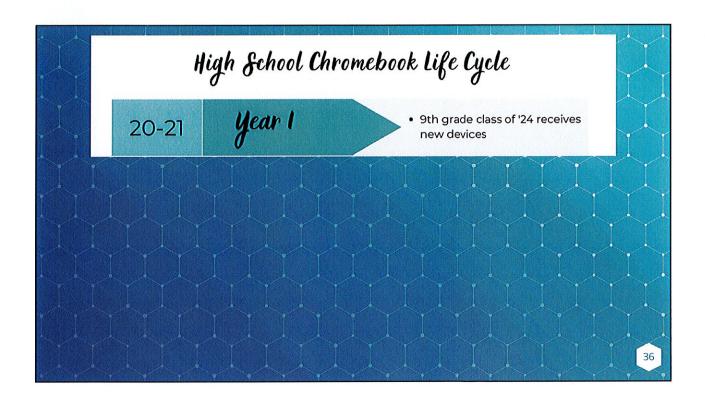


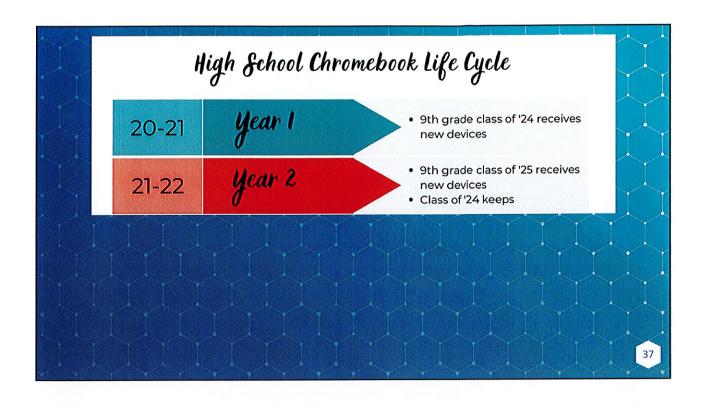


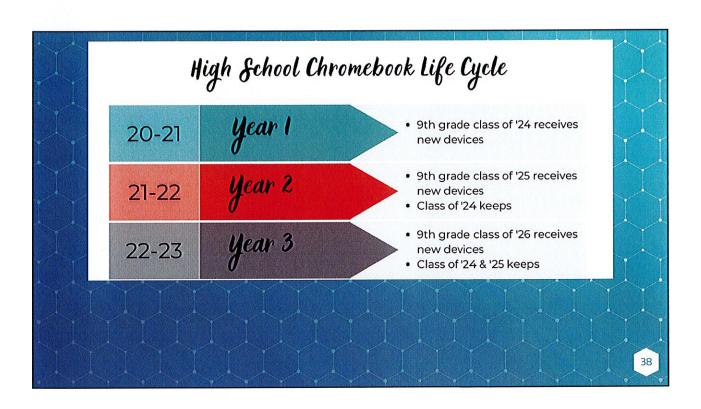


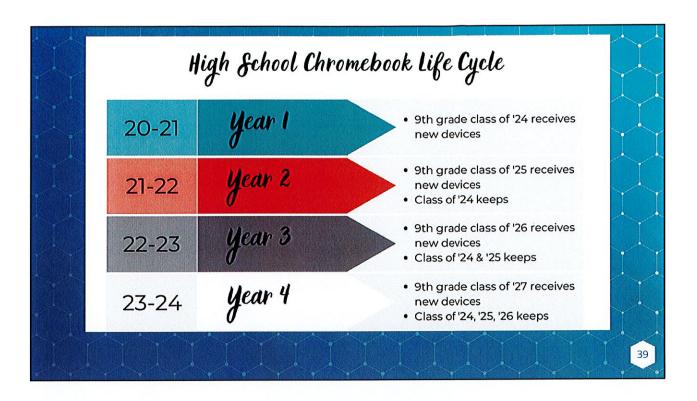






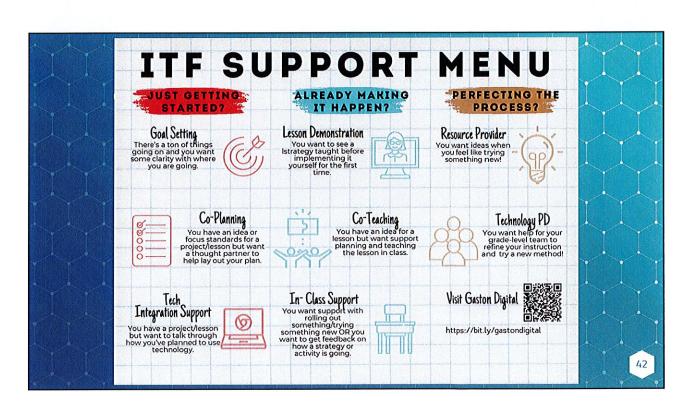


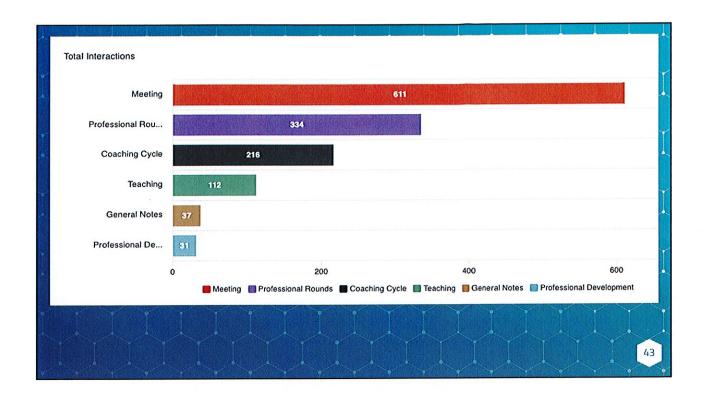








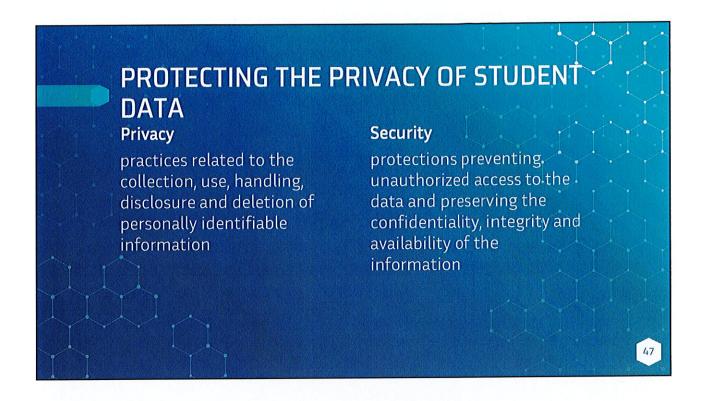


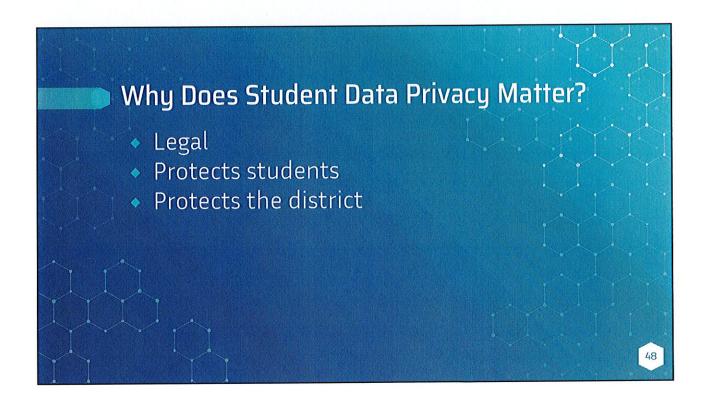


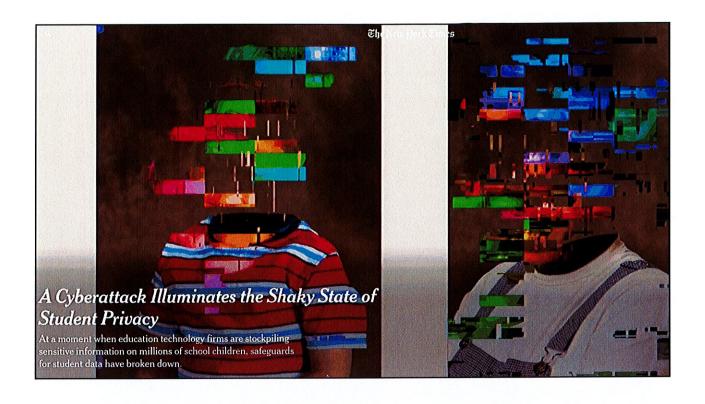




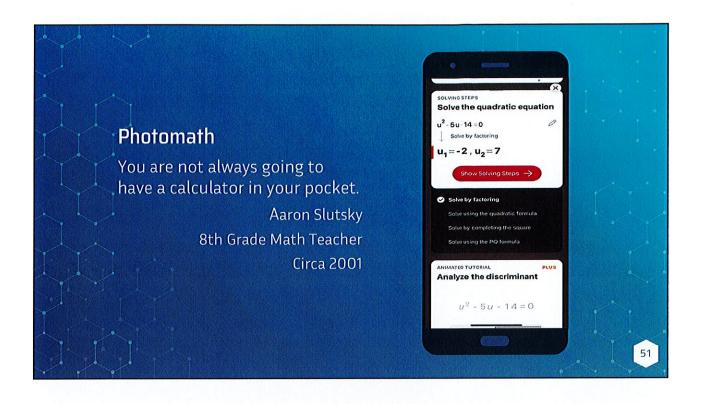


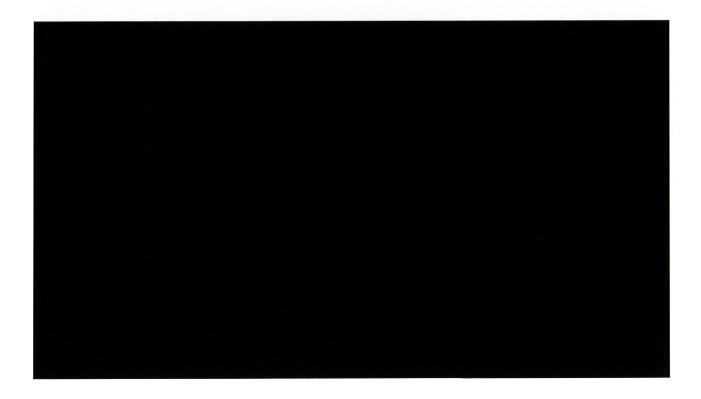


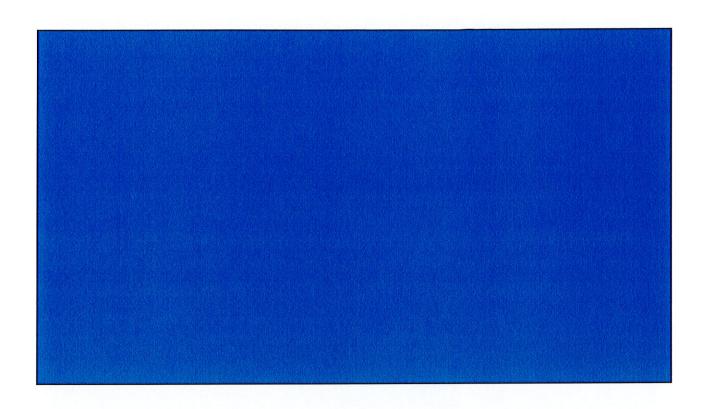














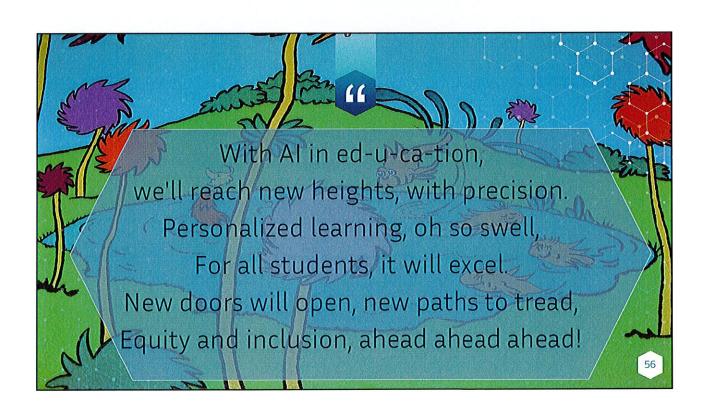
Artificial intelligence has the power to revolutionize education by providing personalized learning experiences, unlocking new opportunities for understanding, and enabling us to create a more equitable and inclusive learning environment for all students

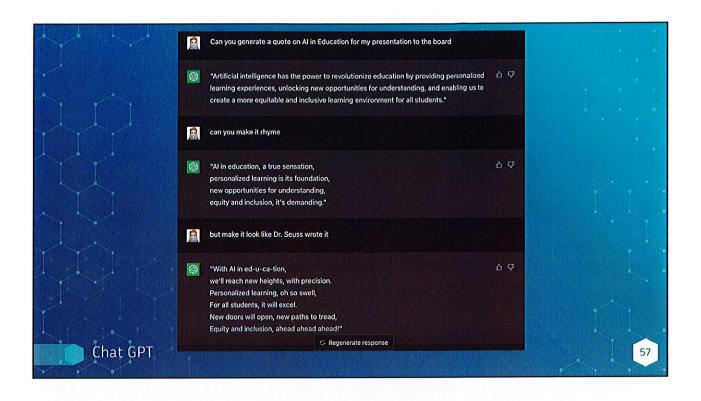
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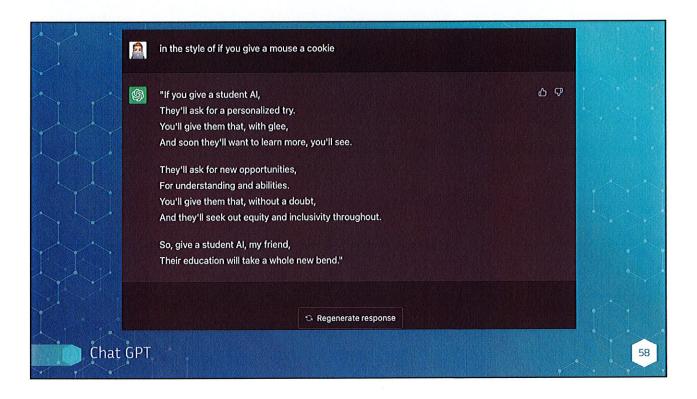


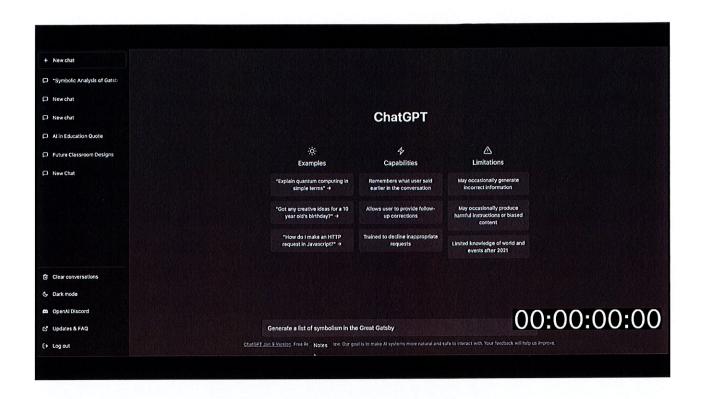
AI in education, a true sensation, personalized learning is its foundation, new opportunities for understanding, equity and inclusion, it's demanding.

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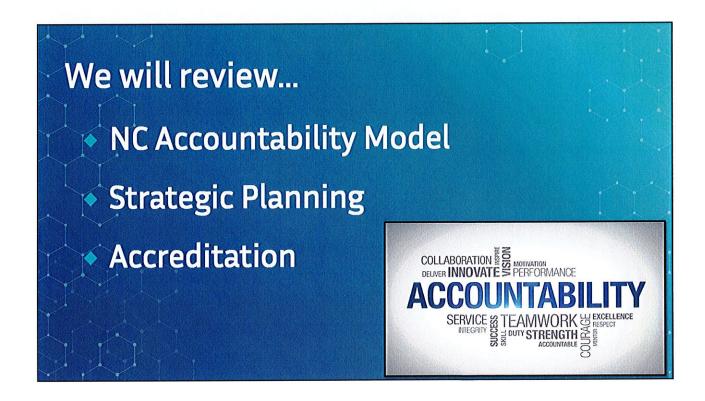


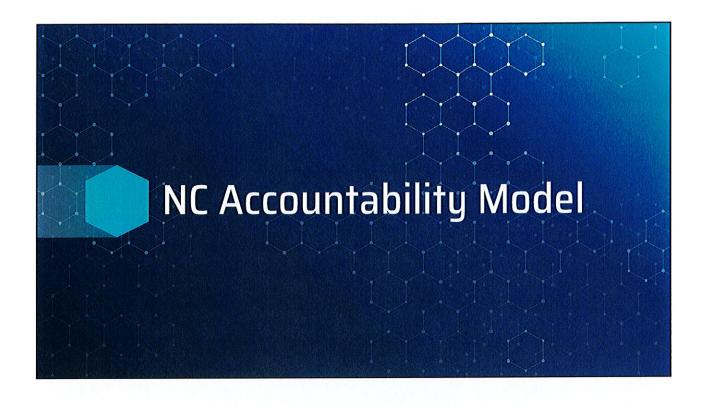


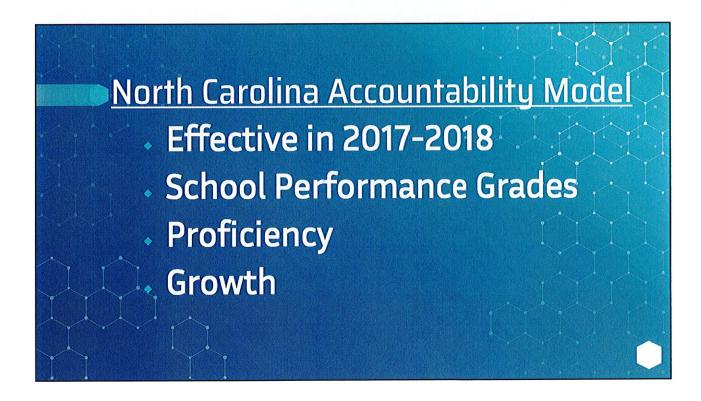


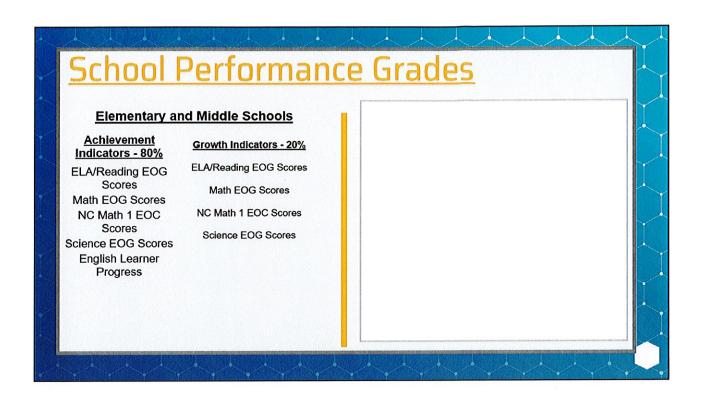


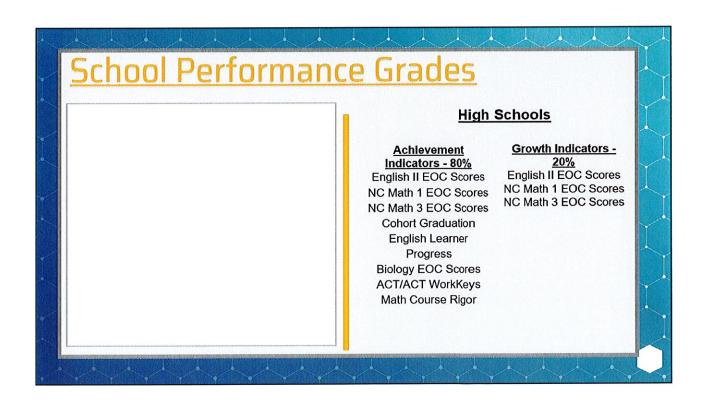


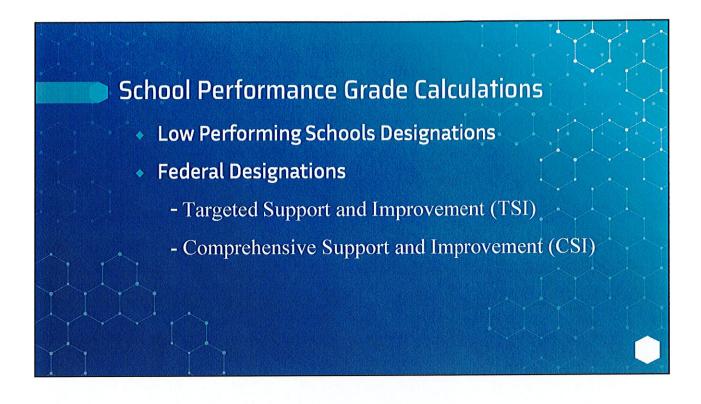






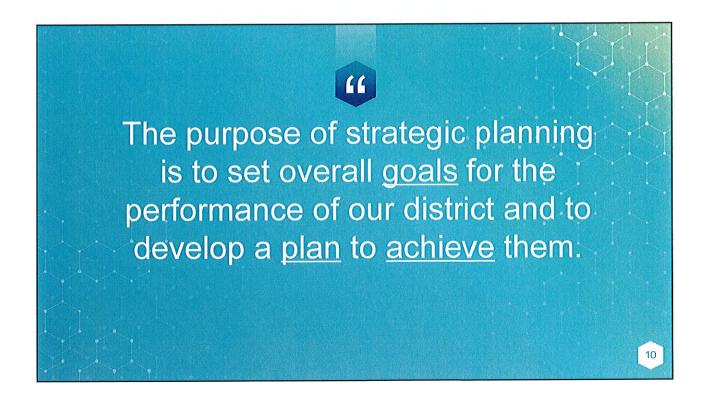






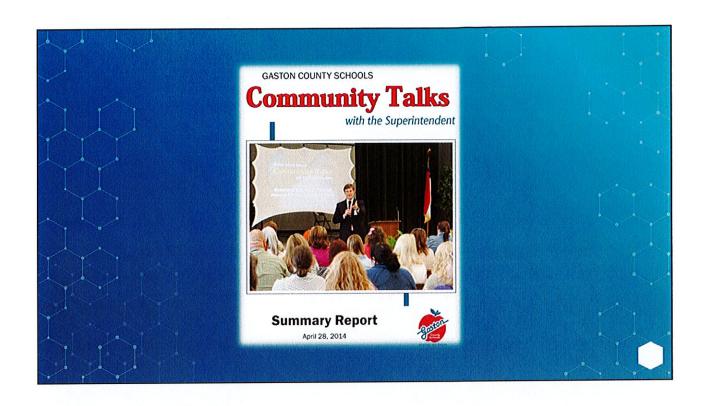




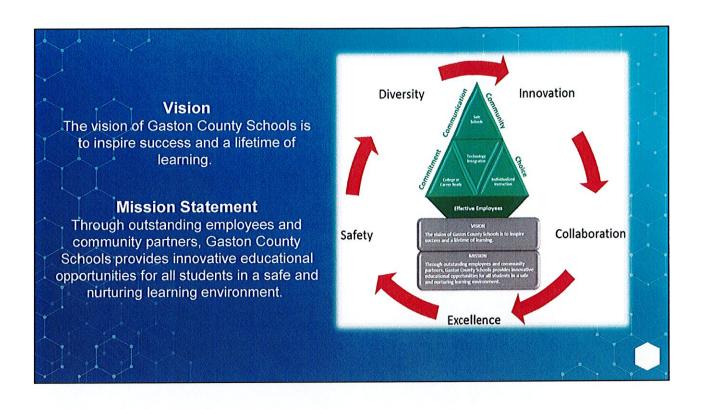




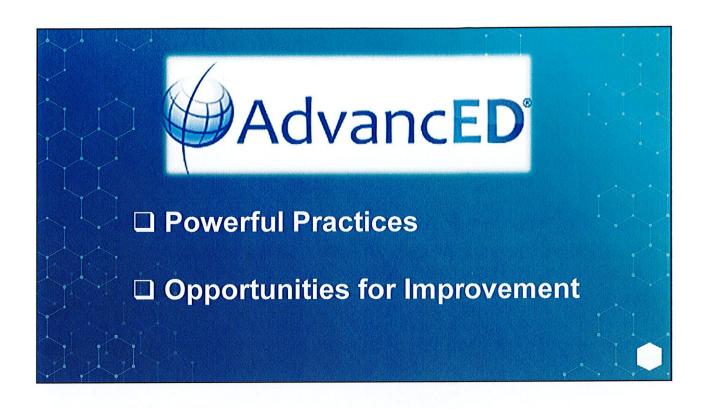




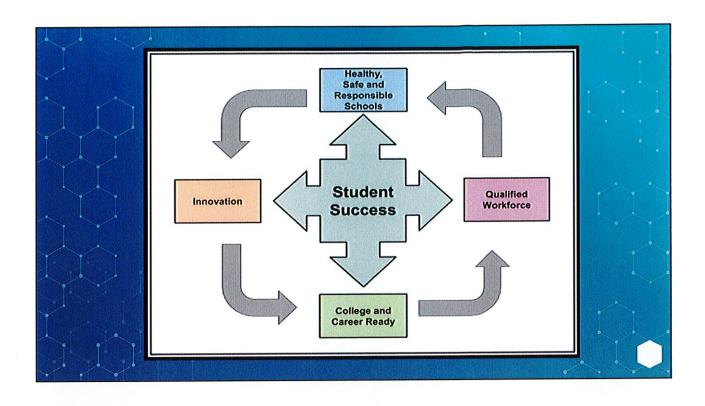










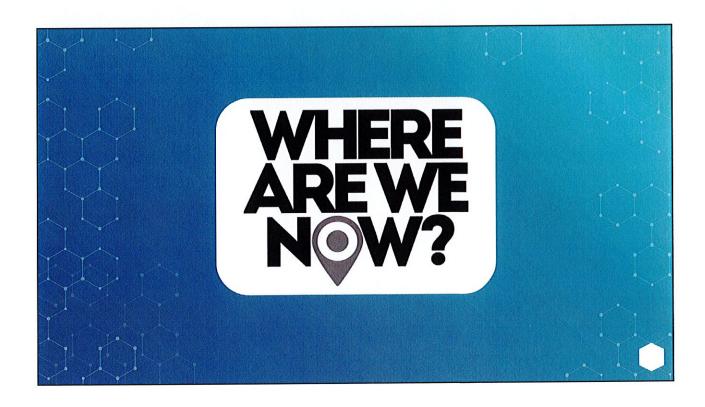




















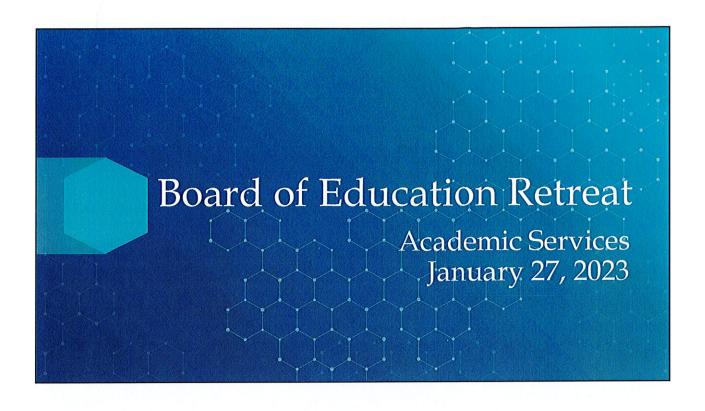
## **Accreditation Review**

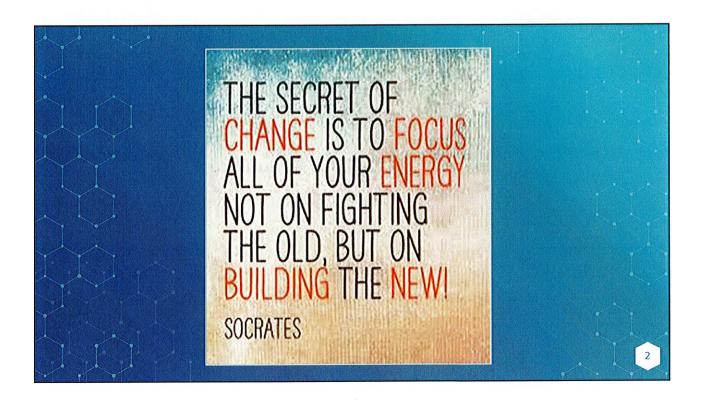
- Accreditation visits are conducted once every five years for our district.
- A <u>team</u> of educators visits our district for four days.
- They produce a <u>comprehensive report</u> outlining our <u>powerful practices</u> as well as <u>opportunities for improvement.</u>

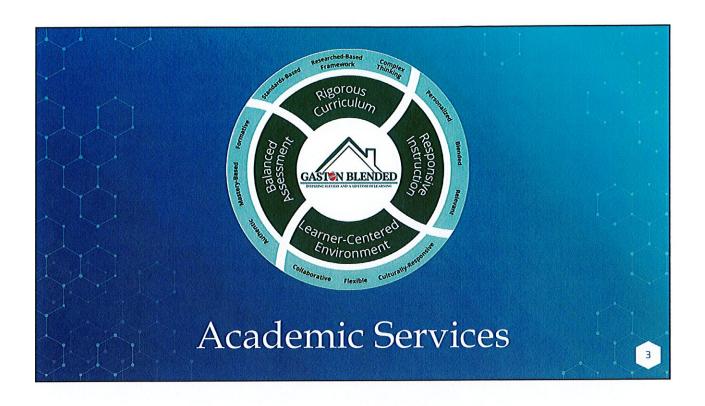
## **Next Steps**

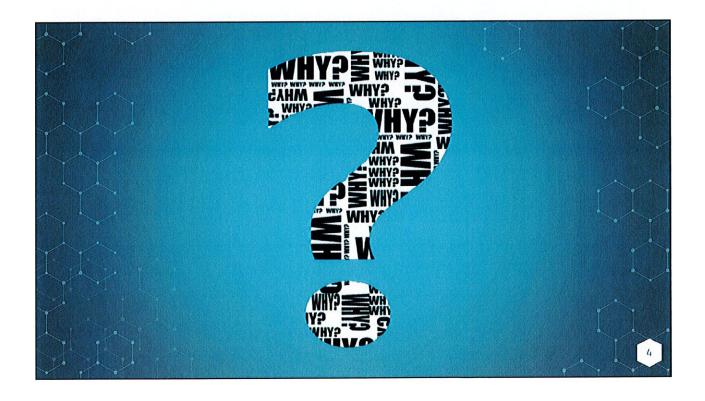
- Attended training in September
  - Introduced to new standards
- First Orientation meeting in January
  - Gained access to training











	2014-20	015
District Name	Percent Proficient	Rank
Union County Public Schools	71.5	1
Wake County Schools	66.1	2
Cabarrus County Schools	60.3	3
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	58.7	4
Johnston County Schools	58.1	5
Cumberland County Schools	53.3	6
Forsyth County Schools	52.5	7
Guilford County Schools	51.8	8
<b>Gaston County Schools</b>	48.8	9
Durham Public Schools	43.3	10

	2015-2	016
District Name	Percent Proficient	Rank
Union County Public Schools	71.1	1
Wake County Schools	67.9	2
Cabarrus County Schools	61.9	3
Charlotte-Mecklenburg School	s 61.2	4
Johnston County Schools	59.2	5
Cumberland County Schools	56.8	6
Forsyth County Schools	53.2	8
Guilford County Schools	54.7	7
<b>Gaston County Schools</b>	52.9	9
Durham Public Schools	44.9	10

	2016-20	)17
District Name	Percent Proficient	Rank
Union County Public Schools	72.8	1
Wake County Schools	67.2	2
Cabarrus County Schools	62.2	3
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	61.2	4
Johnston County Schools	59	5
Cumberland County Schools	57.3	6
Guilford County Schools	55.6	7
Gaston County Schools	55	8
Forsyth County Schools	53.6	9
Durham Public Schools	46.4	10

	2017-2	018
District Name	Percent Proficient	Rank
Union County Public Schools	71.9	1
Wake County Schools	65.8	2
Cabarrus County Schools	62	3
Charlotte-Mecklenburg School	ols 59.9	4
Cumberland County Schools	56.4	5
Gaston County Schools	56	6
Guilford County Schools	54.2	7
Johnston County Schools	53.4	8
Forsyth County Schools	52.7	9
Durham Public Schools	48.3	10

	2018-20	19
District Name	Percent Proficient	Rank
Union County Public Schools	73.6	1
Cabarrus County Schools	65.6	2
Wake County Schools	65.2	3
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schoo	ls 59.8	4
<b>Gaston County Schools</b>	THE RESERVE AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO	5
Forsyth County Schools	55.7	6
Guilford County Schools	55.1	7
Cumberland County Schools	54.7	8
Johnston County Schools	52.9	9
Durham Public Schools	49	10

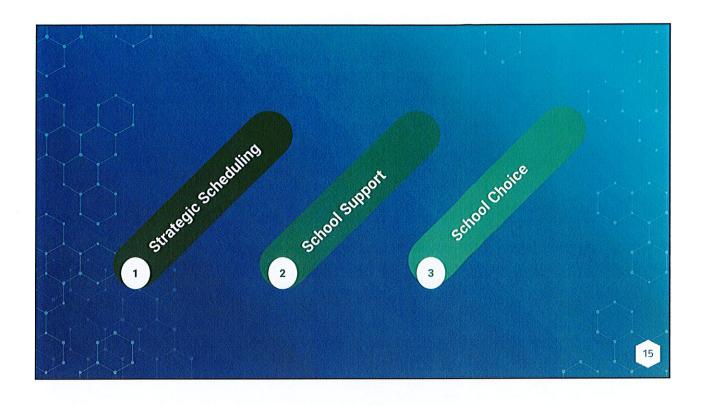
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	District Name	Percent Proficient	Rank	
	Union County Public Schools	63	1	
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	Wake County Schools	55.4	3	
Y .	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	44.6	4	
	Gaston County Schools	44.1	5	
The second second	Johnston County Schools	42.7	6	
$\checkmark$	Guilford County Schools	42.4	7	
	Forsyth County Schools	38.2	8	
	Cumberland County Schools	36.8	9	
	Durham Public Schools	33.8	10	

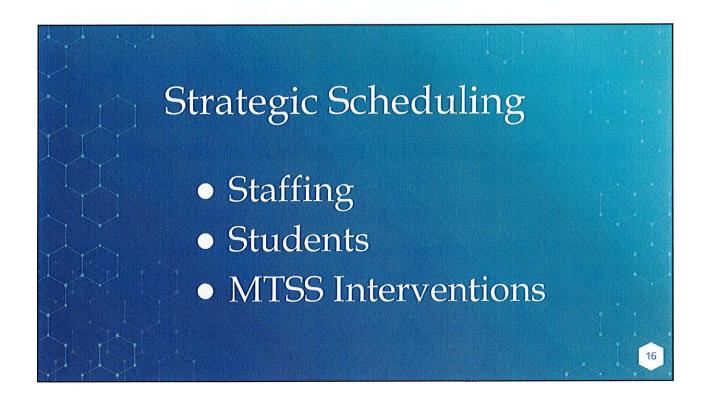
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Union County Public Schools	67.7	1
Cabarrus County Schools	60.2	3
Wake County Schools	61.4	2
Charlotte-Mecklenburg School	s 50.2	5
<b>Gaston County Schools</b>	48.4	6
Johnston County Schools	53.3	4
Guilford County Schools	47.0	8
Forsyth County Schools	43.3	10
Cumberland County Schools	47.3	7
Durham Public Schools	44.0	9

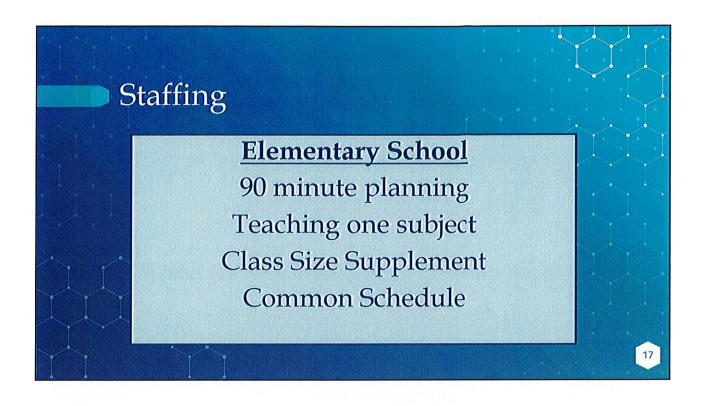
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Union County Public Schools	71.5	1	71.1	1	72.8	1	71.9	1	73.6	1	63	1	67.7	1
Wake County Schools	66.1	2	67.9	2	67.2	2	65.8	2	65.6	2	55.4	2	61.4	2
Cabarrus County Schools	60.3	3	61.9	3	62.2	3	62	3	65.2	3	55.4	3	60.2	3
Johnston County Schools	58.7	4	61.2	4	61.2	4	59.9	4	59.8	4	44.6	4	53.3	4
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	58.1	5	59.2	5	59	5	56.4	5	56.4	5	44.1	5	50.2	5
Gaston County Schools	53.3	6	56.8	6	57.3	6	56	6	55.7	6	42.7	6	48.4	6
Cumberland County Schools	52.5	7	54.7	7	55.6	7	54.2	7	55.1	7	42.4	7	47.3	7
Guilford County Schools	51.8	8	53.2	8	55	8	53.4	8	54.7	8	38.2	8	47.0	8
Durham Public Schools	48.8	9	52.9	9	53.6	9	52.7	9	52.9	9	36.8	9	44.0	9
Forsyth County Schools	43.3	10	53.2	10	46.4	10	48.3	10	49	10	33.8	10	43.3	10







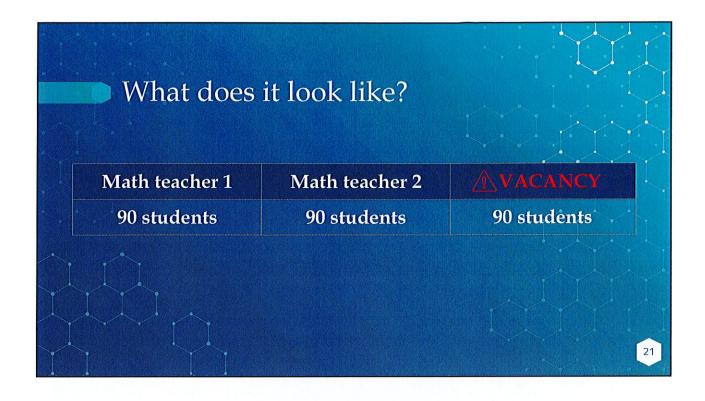


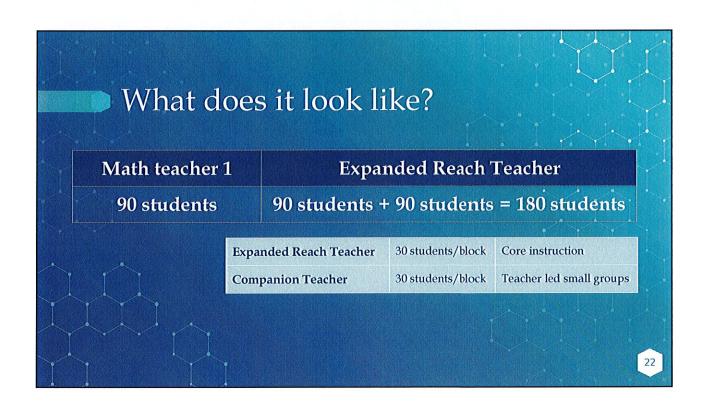




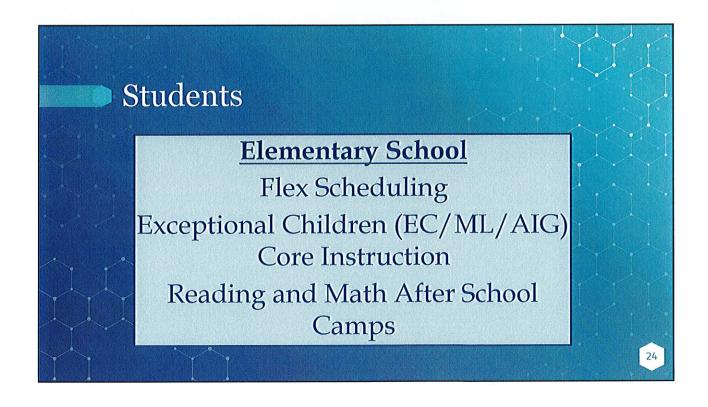


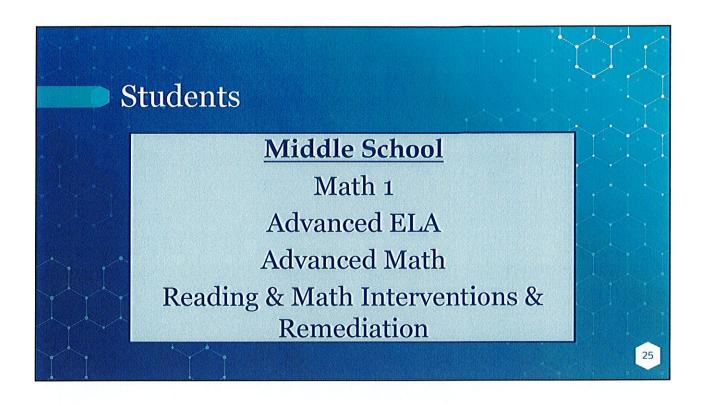


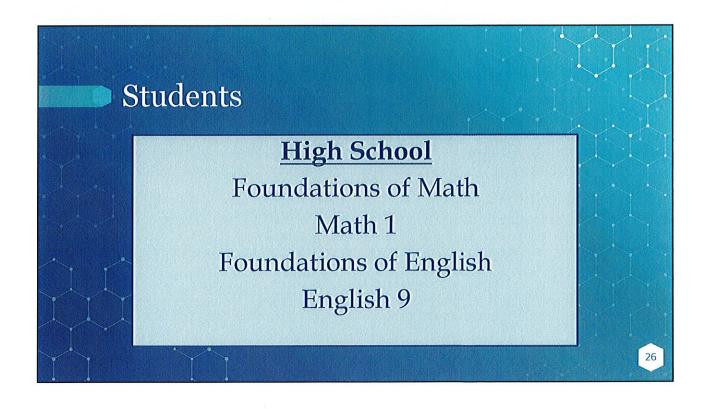


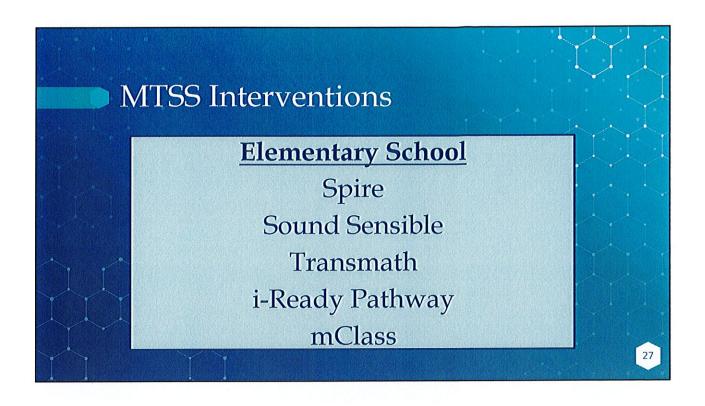


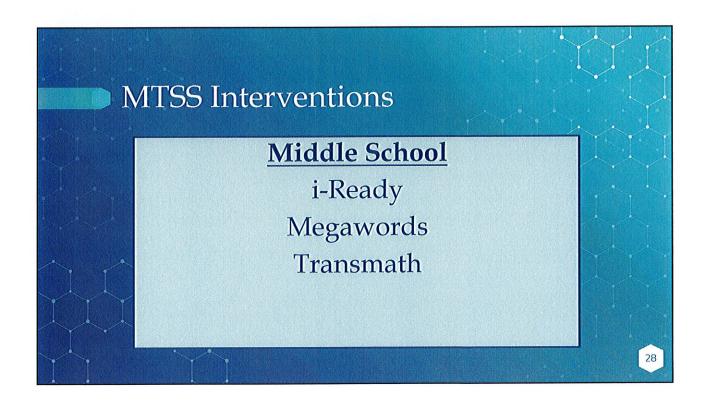




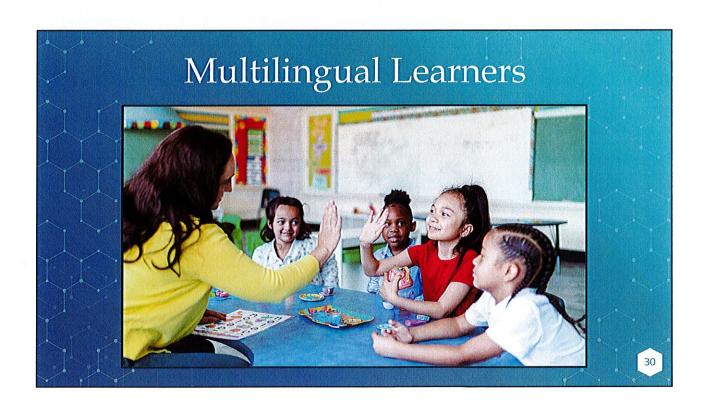


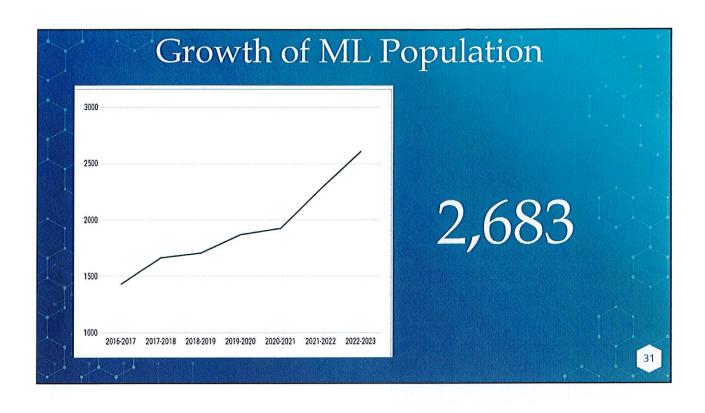


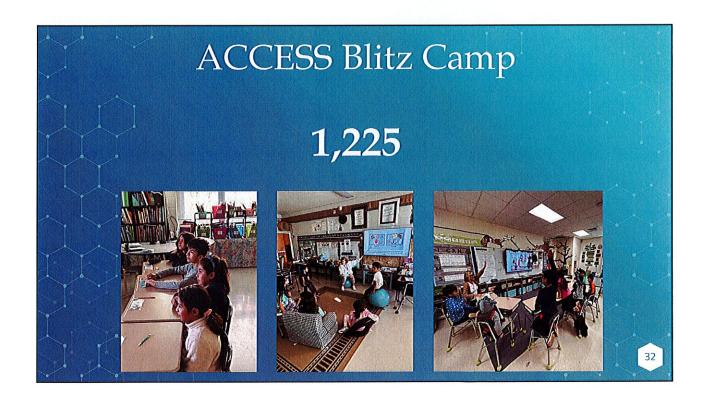






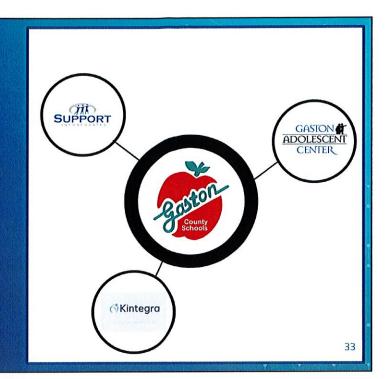






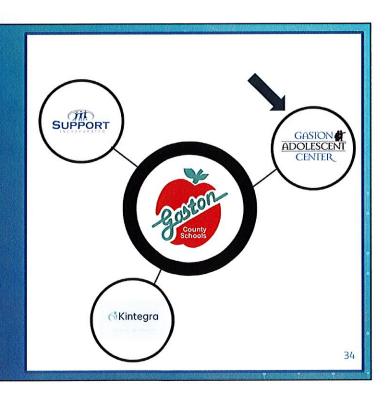
## Community Partnerships for SBT

- School Based Mental Health Therapy provided at every school
- Professional Development on Trauma Informed Classrooms and Deescalation Strategies



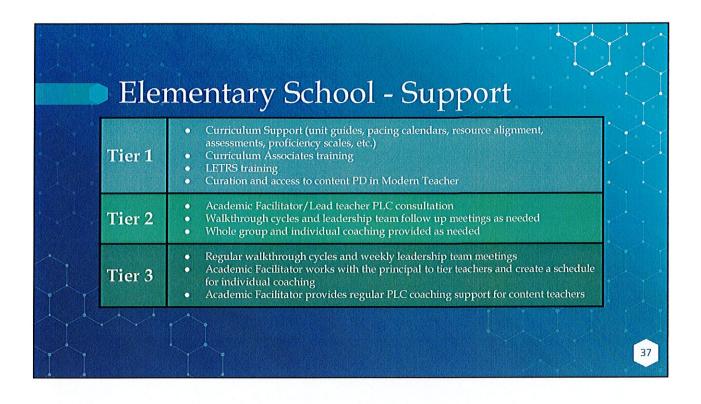
## Community Partnerships for Academy 180

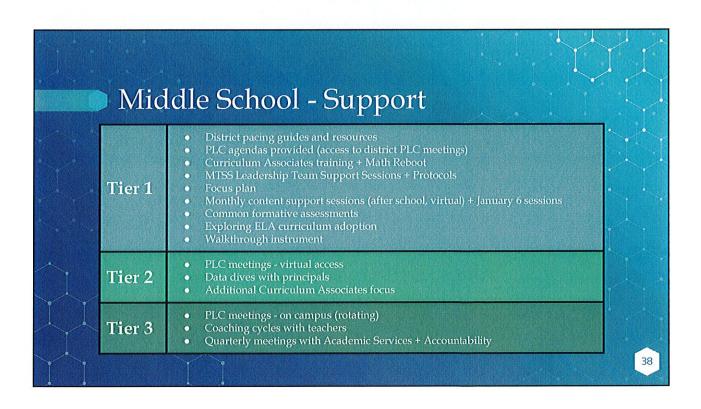
- Family meetings involving community agencies, school staff and families of students who need more intensive supports and intervention
- Gaston Adolescents operates a day treatment program within our Academy 180
  - Woodhill
  - O HH Beam

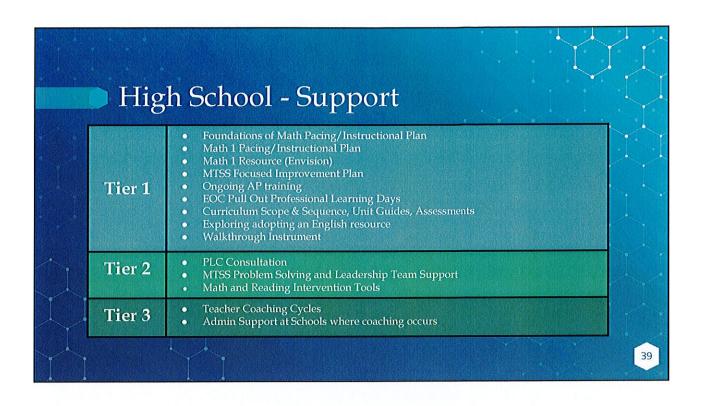


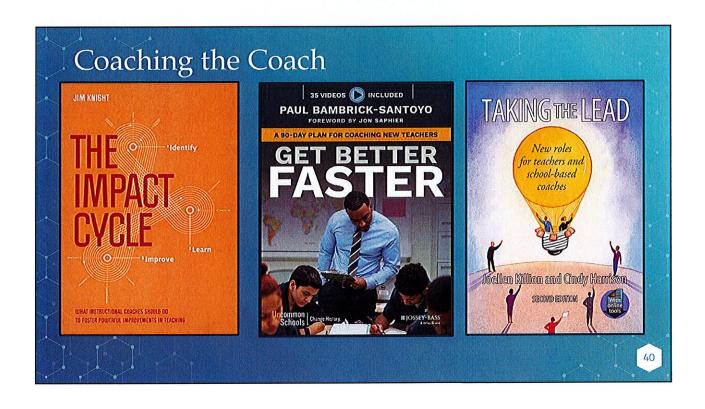








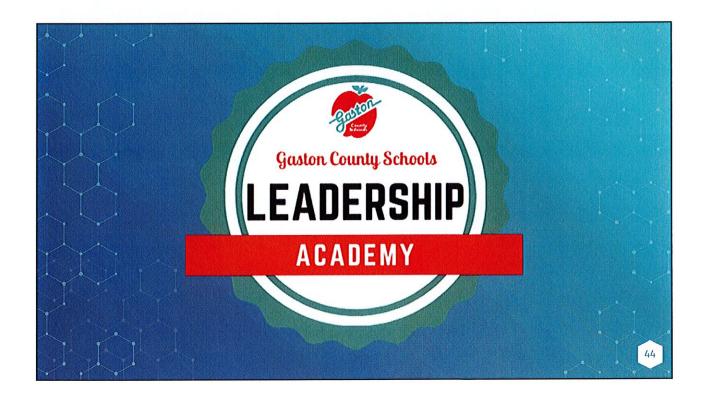




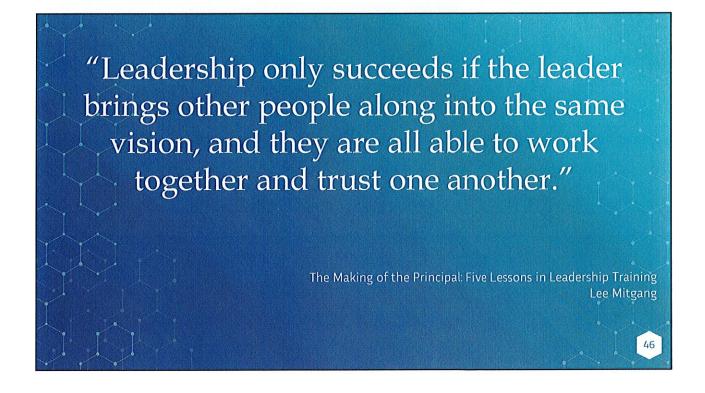




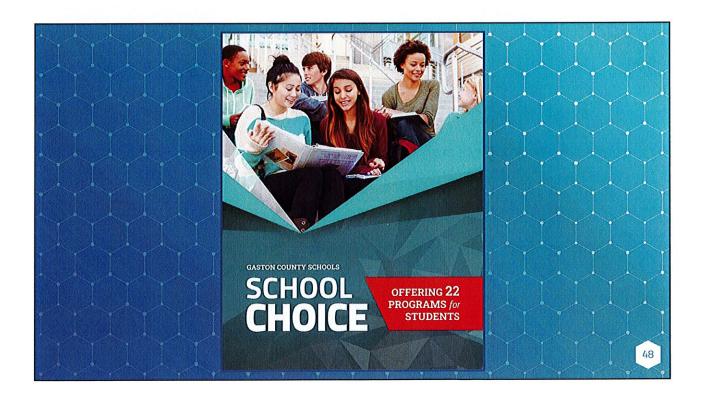


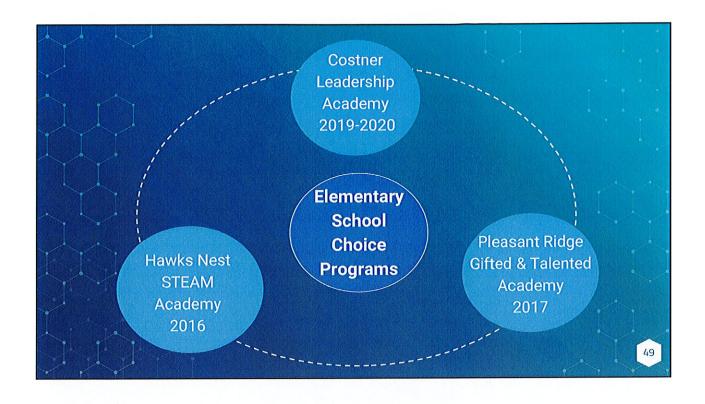


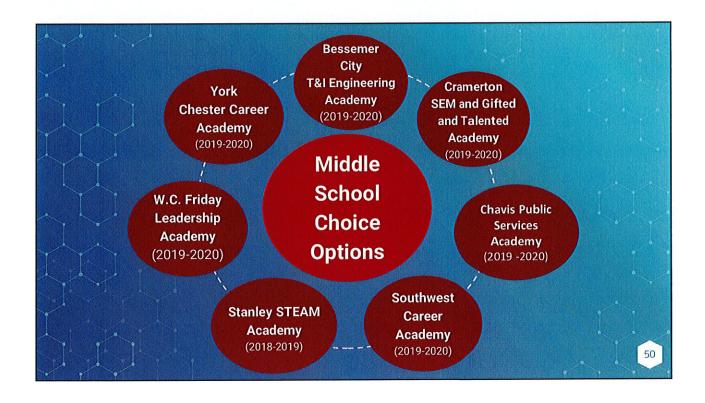








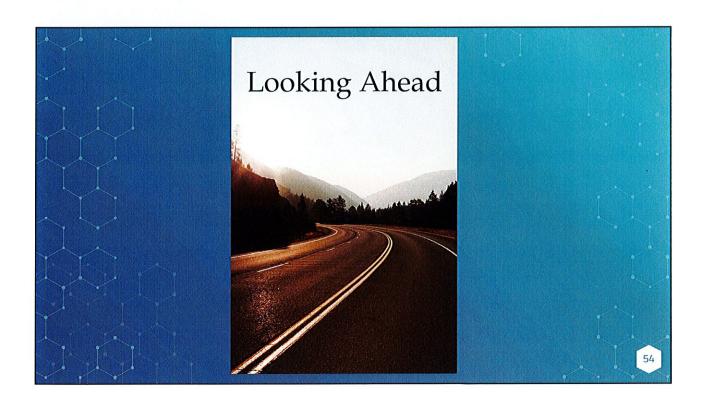


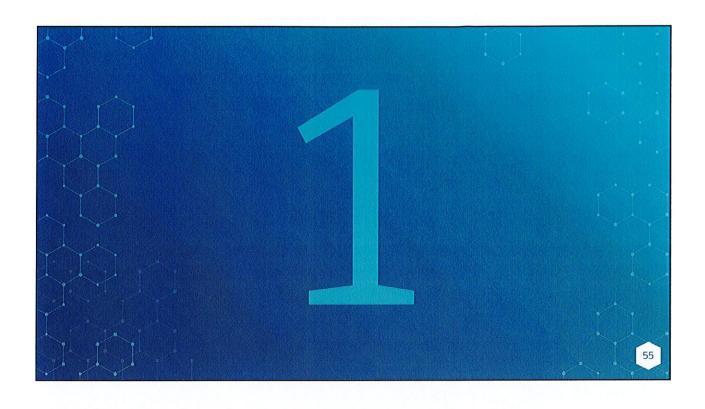






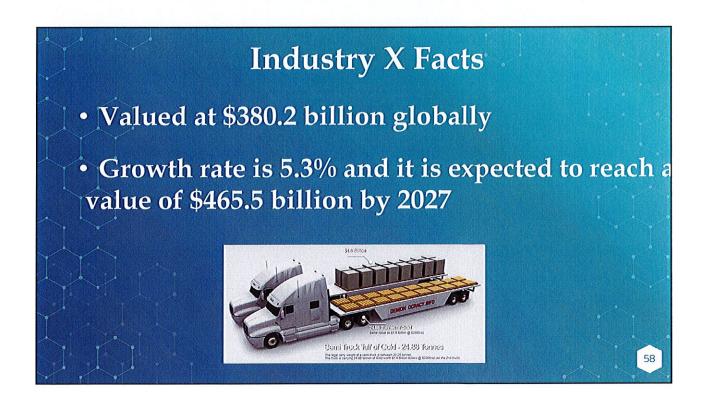


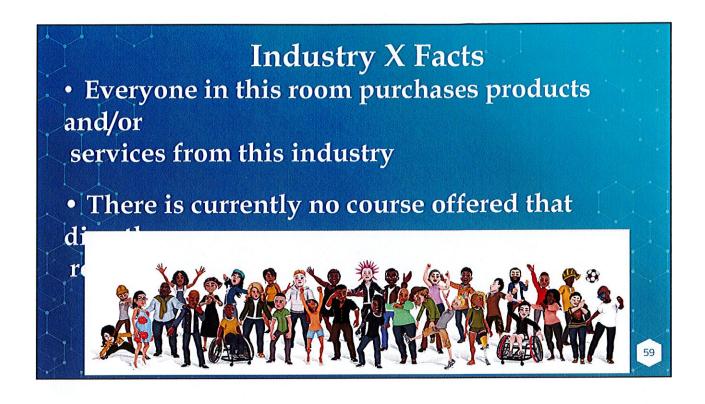


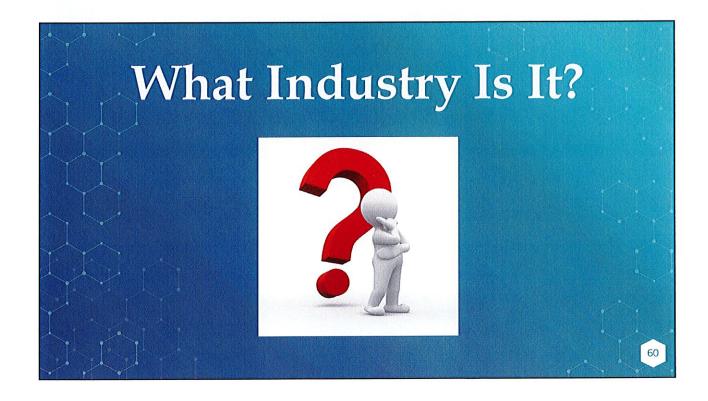














## **Cosmetology In Public Schools**

- Offered by 7 PSUs in NC Asheville City, Durham, WS Forsyth, McDowell, CMS, Union, Watauga
- GCS currently offers Cosmetology via the Gaston College Lincoln Campus (theory only)
- Cosmetology requires a theory classroom, chemical storage, and a lab

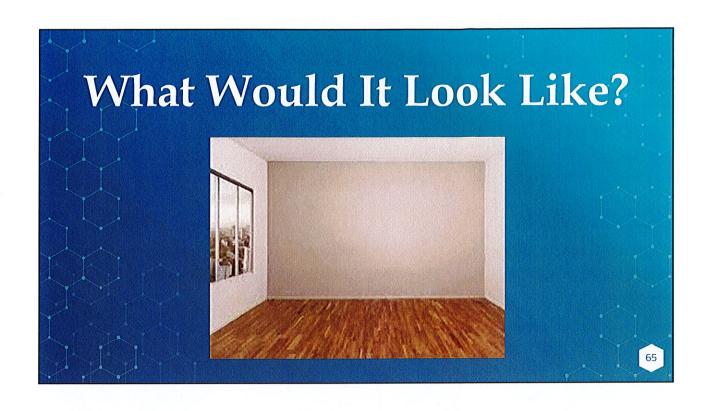
# **Cosmetology In Gaston County Schools**

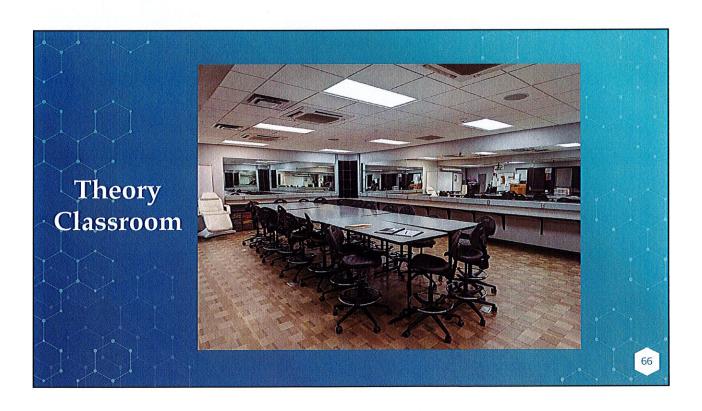
- Partnership with Gaston College
- Program leads to the State Board of Cosmetic Arts certification exam
- Gaston College provides the instructor, GCS would provide the facility

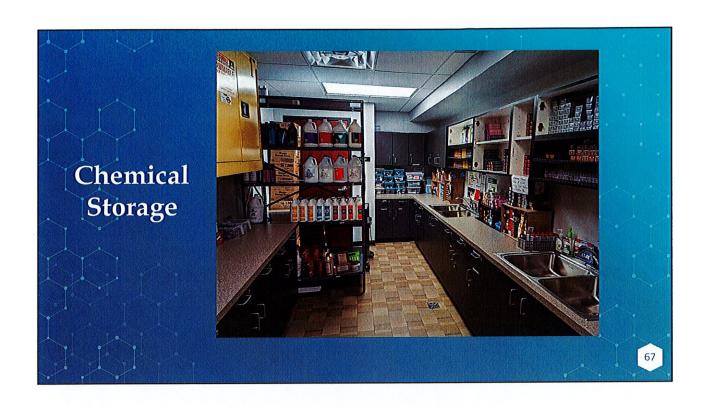
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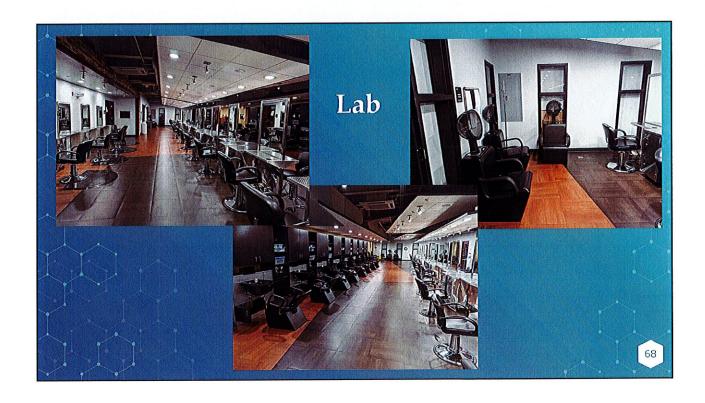
# **Cosmetology In Gaston County Schools**

- Offered as an Academy available to all GCS students
- Centrally located
- Freshman could be included
- Three classes offered (third class is lab based)

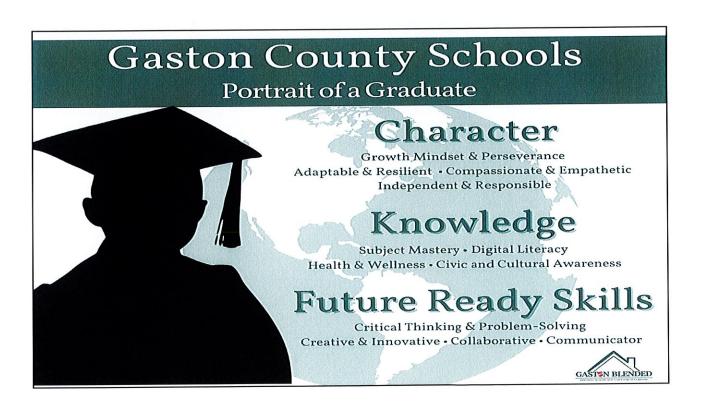


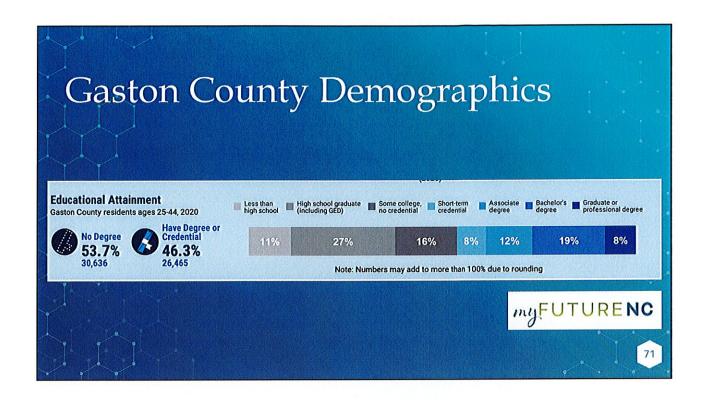


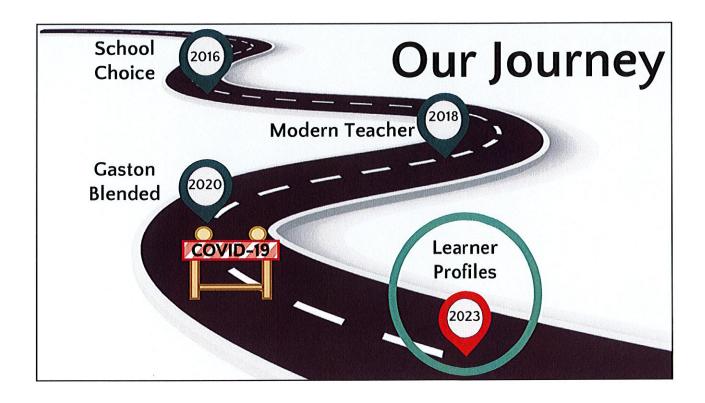




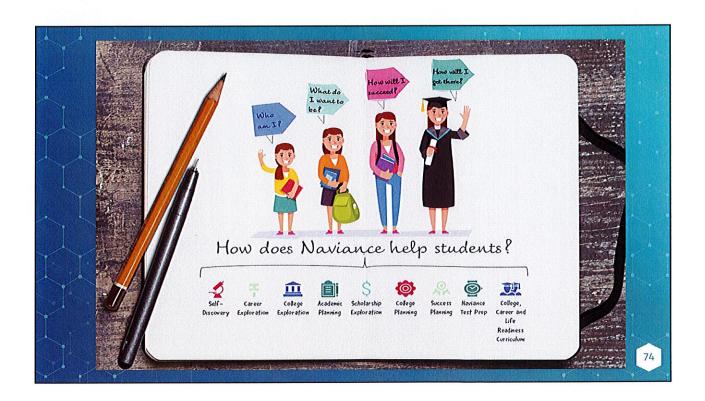


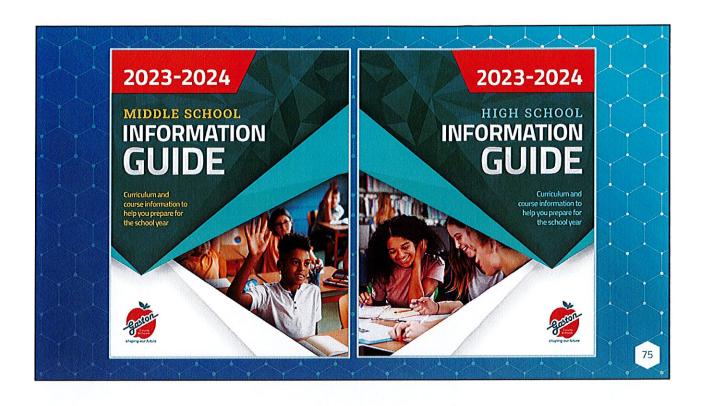


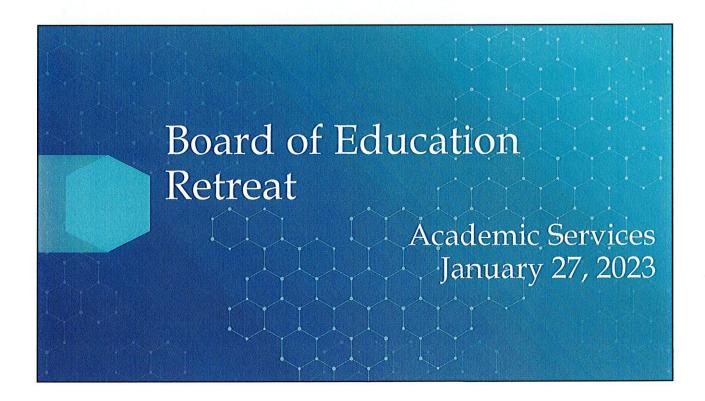












# 2023 Board Retreat

Auxiliary Services January 27, 2023



## **Grier Middle School Design- Complete**

- Schematic Design Package Submittal
- Design Development Submittal
- Design Development Reviews
- Owner/Design Team Page Turner
- Cost Estimate
- Construction Documents Submittal Permit



### **Grier Middle School - Procurement**

**Bid Phase** 

January – March 2023

**BOE Approval/Contracts** April – May 2023

**Notice to Proceed** 

May 2023





## **Grier Middle School - Construction**

### Phase 1

**Building (24 month)** 

5/23 - 5/25

Close Out (1 month)

**June 2025** 

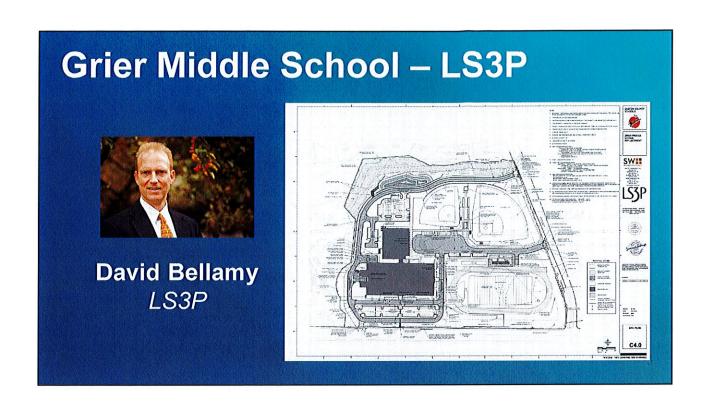
### Phase 2

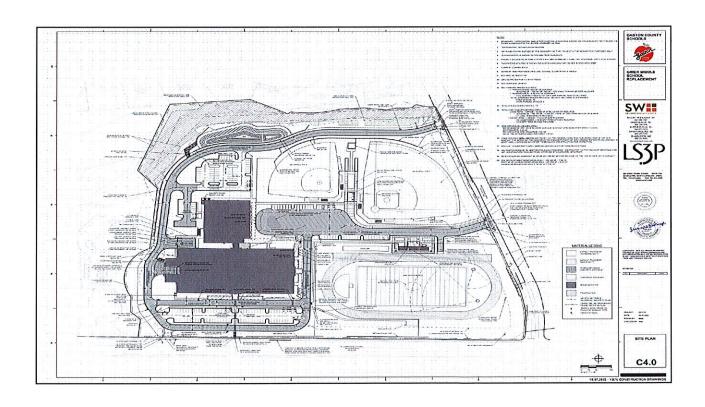
Demo (4-6 months)

6/25 - 11/25

### Phase 3

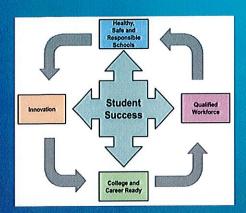
**Athletic Fields (8-10 months)** 11/25 – 7/26





# **GCS - Auxiliary Services**

- School Nutrition
- Transportation
- Facilities and Maintenance
- School Safety and Security
- Capital Projects



## **GCS - School Nutrition**



- 9,000 Breakfast Daily (1.6 million/year)
- 18,000 Lunches Daily (3.2 million/year)
- Approximately 60% Free and Reduced



- 19 Community Eligibility Programs (CEP)
- Summer Feeding Program

## **GCS - School Nutrition**

- Over 400 Employees (96% staffed)
- Central Kitchen
- Fleet of Trucks Delivery
- Training Facility



# **GCS - School Transportation**

- 200 Yellow Buses
- 12,000 Students a Day
- 15,000 Gallons Diesel a Week



Currently 17 Driver Vacancies



## **GCS – Facilities and Maintenance**

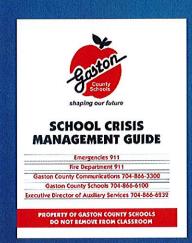
### **Work Orders**

Mechanical Carpentry Warehouse Electrical

Grounds Plumbing Electronics Paint

Locksmiths

# Safety and Security - 2022



- Continued Training for Security Associates
- Uniforms for Security Associates
- New Walk-Through Metal Detectors
- Increase in Pay for SRO's
- Threat Assessment Improvements
- In-depth CIRK Review (Critical Incident Response Kit)
- Expanded Lockdown Exercises
- Continue to work with Local Law Enforcement
- SRO Training Revisions

# Safety and Security - Currently

- Security Camera Monitor Upgrades
- Panic Alarm Integration
- New Walk-through Metal Detectors
- Threat Assessment Improvements



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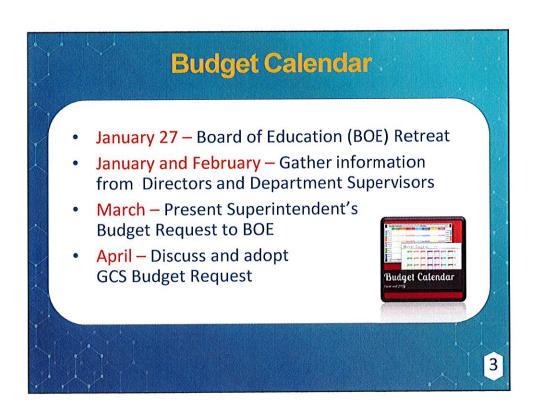
# Safety and Security - Currently

- Improved Critical Incident Response Kits
- School Safety Plans Uploaded to the State
- Additional Knox Box Locations
- GCEM Reunification Planning
- Continue to work with Principals/Schools









### **Budget Calendar**

- May Deliver GCS Budget Request to County
- May or June County approves local budget
- June BOE approves balanced interim budget
- June to September BOE approves final budget resolution after State Budget is approved



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### **Budget Process**

#### Some of the decisions that need to be made:

- What new initiatives and/or expansions should be funded?
- Which existing programs should be modified and/or eliminated?
- How do we best realize cost savings?
- How do we prioritize capital needs?



### **Budget Process**

- Monitor effectiveness of current budget
- Attend budgeting seminars, read trade organization materials, analyze historical budget data
- Solicit input from stakeholders
- Identify funding priorities
- Communicate results to Superintendent and BOE for further direction

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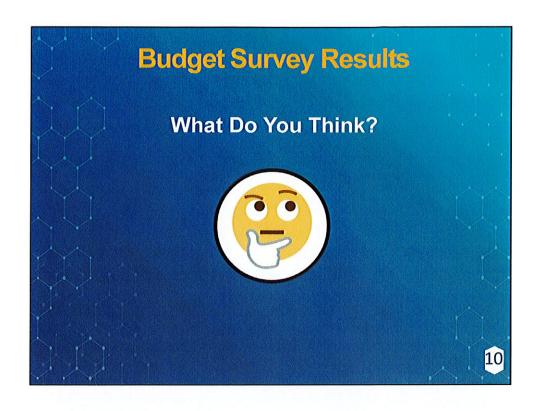
### **Stakeholders**

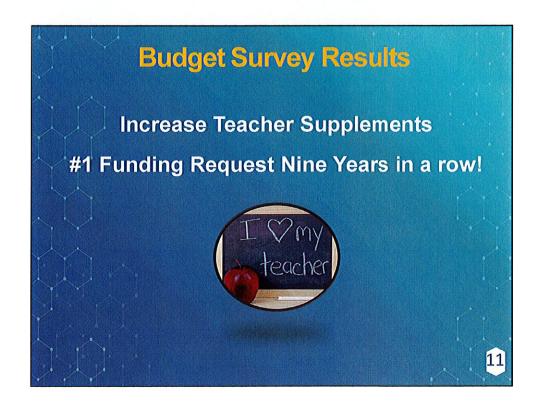
- District Leadership
- School Administrators
- Teachers
- Parents
- Students
- Public



Date	Description
Date	Description
December 9, 2022	Send budget questionnaire to Leadership and Directors
December 9, 2022	Send budget questionnaire to all Principals and Assistant
December 3, 2022	Principals
December 19, 2022	Post the budget questionaire on the GCS website
0000111001 25, 2022	
December 28, 2022	Send budget questionnaire to all members of the Teacher
	Advisory Committee, NCAE officers and Pinnacle Leaders
December 28, 2022	Send budget questionnaire to all members of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council and the
	Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council
January 27, 2023	Board of Education Retreat - Present and discuss result of budget questionnaire

#### **Budget Survey Options** Please check the box next to the initiatives listed below that you believe best supports the educational goals of the District. Please only select your top five choices (all are important): □ More Teacher Assistants □ Increase Teacher Supplement □ Increase Student Support □ Incr. Principal/AP Supplement Increase Instructional Support □ Increase Classified Salaries □ More School Office Support Staff □ Expand CTE Program Offerings □ Offer More Instructional Programs □ Provide More Technology Increase Number of Library Books □ Expand AIG Program □ Increase the Number of AP Classes □ Expand Classroom Libraries Offer More ESL Classes □ Upgrade School Safety Systems □ Increase Training for Teachers □ Increase Funding for the Arts □ Provide More Choice Options ☐ Improve Exterior Appearance **Increase Funding for EC Students** Upgrade Interior of Schools





#### **Budget Survey Results** List of Funding Priorities % in Top 5 **List of Funding Priorities** % in Top 5 34% Increase Teacher Supplement 78% More Teacher Assistants Increase Principal/AP Supplement 29% 43% Increase Student Support Increase Classified Salaries 67% Increase Instructional Support 14% **Expand CTE Program Offerings** 8% 11% More School Support Staff 11% **Expand Instructional Programs** 12% Provide More Computing Devices **Expand AIG Program** Increase Number of Library Books 3% 5% 5% Expand Classroom Libraries Increase Number of AP Classes 10% 33% Offer more ESL classes 12% Upgrade School Safety Systems Increase Funding for the Arts 15% Increase PD for Teachers 11% 12% **Provide more Choice Options** Improve Exterior Appearance 10% Upgrade School Interior 15% Increase Funding for EC Students 27%

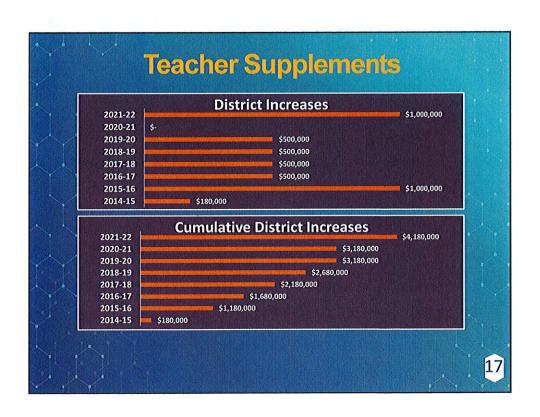
		<u>% in <sup>-</sup></u>	Γορ Five F	riorities		Change
Funding Priorities	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019-23
Increase Teacher Supplement	63%	67%	75%	79%	78%	15%
Increase Classified Salaries	36%	47%	51%	65%	67%	31%
Increase Student Support	49%	51%	51%	40%	43%	-6%
More Teacher Assistants	35%	34%	25%	41%	34%	-1%
Upgrade School Safety Systems	41%	26%	24%	26%	33%	-8%
Increase Principal/AP Supplement	19%	13%	18%	21%	29%	10%
Increase Funding for EC Students	NA	14%	15%	18%	27%	13%
Upgrade Interior of Schools	NA	19%	21%	26%	15%	-4%
Increase Funding for the Arts	24%	22%	14%	20%	15%	-9%
Increase Instructional Support	14%	20%	18%	13%	14%	0%
Offer More ESL classes	3%	3%	7%	7%	12%	9%

		% in 1	Top Five P	riorities		Change
Funding Priorities	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019-23 *
Improve Exterior Appearance	NA	21%	16%	10%	12%	-9%
Expand Instructional Programs	22%	14%	18%	10%	12%	-10%
Provide More Computing Devices	34%	23%	35%	19%	11%	-23%
Expand CTE Program Offerings	22%	18%	16%	14%	11%	-11%
Increase Training for Teachers	24%	17%	11%	8%	11%	-13%
Provide More Choice Options	29%	9%	8%	13%	10%	-19%
Increase Number of AP Classes	10%	16%	14%	10%	10%	0%
More School Support Staff	11%	6%	5%	8%	8%	-3%
Expand AIG Program	8%	4%	12%	12%	5%	-3%
Expand Classroom Libraries	14%	12%	8%	6%	5%	-9%
Increase Number of Library Books	11%	11%	10%	4%	3%	-8%
Respondents	258	197	179	268	178	-80

Top Funding Priorities	2023-24	Funding Source
Increase Teacher Supplement	78%	County Expansion Request
Increase Classified Salaries	67%	County Expansion Request
Increase Student Support	43%	COVID Funds
More Teacher Assistants	34%	State Funded
Upgrade School Safety Systems	33%	School Bond Funds / Capital Outlay

### **Teacher Supplements**

- Over the past eight years, the County has increased teacher supplements by \$4.18 million
- A \$500,000 increase in teacher supplements would improve net average annual supplements by about \$180 per teacher
- There was no increase in teacher supplements for 2020-2021 due to the impact of the pandemic on local sales tax revenues





		Average		
imilar Size Districts (ADM)	Sup	plement		
ew Hanover County (25,082)	\$	8,663		
uncombe County (22,041)		8,183		
urham County (31,124)		7,543		
ohnston County (36,838)		5,494		
tate Avg. Local Teacher Supplement		5,123		
abarrus County (34,674)		4,700		
nion County (41,196)		4,405		
nslow County (27,768)		4,374		
aston County (29,936)		3,199		
urce: DPI FY 2021-2022 Table 20 for Average Supp	lement a	ind		

	A	verage
Neighboring Districts (ADM)	Sup	plement
Charlotte-Mecklenburg (141,217)	\$	8,678
State Avg. Local Teacher Supplement		5,123
Cabarrus County (34,674)		4,700
Union County (41,196)		4,405
Lincoln County (11,406)		4,237
Catawba County (15,448)		3,788
Gaston County (29,936)		3,199
redell-Statesville Schools (20,516)		3,010
Rowan-Salisbury County (18,000)		2,888
Cleveland County (14,011)		1,933
Source: DPI FY 2021-2022 Table 20 for Average Supp	lement a	and
OPI FY 2021-2022 Table 10 for ADM		

### **Other Funding Priorities**

#### **Increased Classified Salaries**

WHY - Inflation increased significantly in 2021 and has negatively impacted employee purchasing power

- Minimum hourly pay rate from \$7.25 to \$13.00 in 2021 and \$15.00 in 2022
- GCS implemented experience steps for hourly employees
- GCS moved from monthly pay to bi-weekly pay

## **Other Funding Priorities**

#### **Increased Student Support**

WHY - Mental health concerns are increasing and are prevalent throughout our society

- State is increasing allotments and pay for student support personnel (social workers, school counselors, etc.)
- We have added nursing position at all schools paid using COVID funding – some staff and some contract

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### **Other Funding Priorities**

### More Teacher Assistants (TAs)

WHY – Increased workload and stress in our schools can be reduced with additional qualified personnel

- Increased minimum hourly rate from \$14.00 in 2021 to \$16.00 in 2022
- Implemented experience steps in 2020
- Increased from a 200-day calendar to a 215-day calendar around 2019

### **Other Funding Priorities**

#### **Upgraded School Safety Systems**

WHY – Multiple accounts of school violence have occurred throughout the Country

- Increased pay rate by \$0.50 per hour for SROs and after hours security
- Additional metal detectors and upgraded digital radios at schools
- Continue to upgrade our camera, intercom and alarm systems at our schools

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### **Looking Ahead**

- Continue to address student achievement gap caused by the pandemic
- Continue to improve security systems, devices and procedures at our schools
- Issue new Chromebooks to all rising 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students (approx. 6,900 students)
- Continue to employ COVID-related safety protocols

### **Funding Options**

- Request additional funding from the Gaston County Commissioners
- Apply to receive grant funding
- Implement additional cost saving measures and use savings for new initiatives
- Move funding from one initiative to another
- Use a portion of the unassigned fund balance

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### **County Funding Request**

- Our County budget operating request for 2022-23 was \$54.9 million
- The County funded \$53.3 million (97%) of our operating request
- About 10% of County funds are remitted to charter schools based on their current enrollment

### **Budget Risks**

- Declining student enrollment and/or increasing charter school enrollment
- Inflationary increases in good and services
- State budget uncertainty for public education
- Increases in employer benefit costs
- Future County funding of expenses currently paid from ESSER funding
- Future pandemic related expenditures



# **Capital Outlay**

#### Capital Outlay is used for the following purposes:

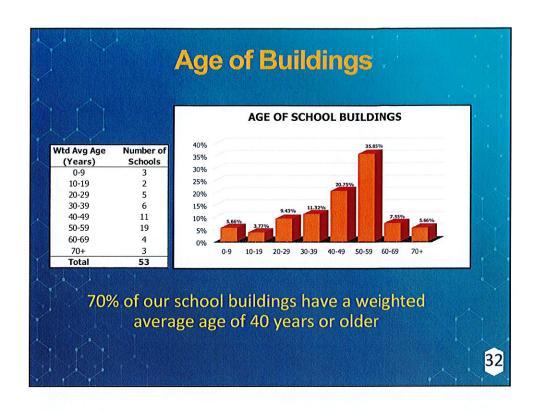
- Roofing Repairs
- HVAC
- Vehicles
- Plumbing
- Site Improvements
- Electrical
- Technology
- Furniture
- Life Safety
- Other Maintenance

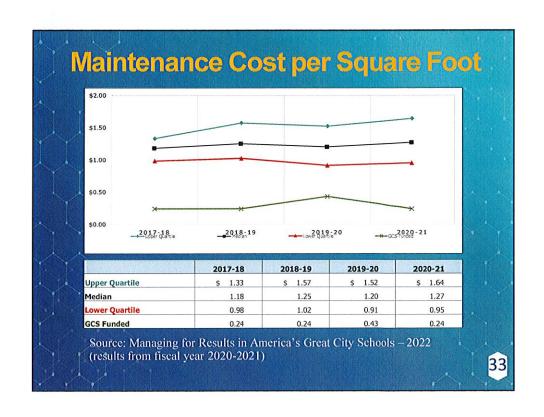
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# **Capital Outlay**

#### Routine Maintenance Costs Are Affected By:

- Age of the Buildings
- Quality and Experience of Custodial Staff
- Training of Custodial Staff
- Deferred Maintenance Backlog





# **Capital Outlay Request**

- Schools and administrative buildings amount to about 5.1 million square feet
- This year we received \$2.2 million in capital outlay, or about \$0.44 per square foot
- We requested \$6.3 million in capital outlay for 2022-23. This request amounted to \$1.23 per square foot

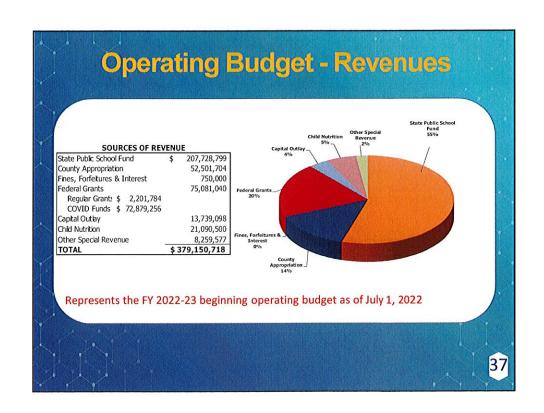


# **Types of Funding**

#### Who Determines the Level of School Funding?

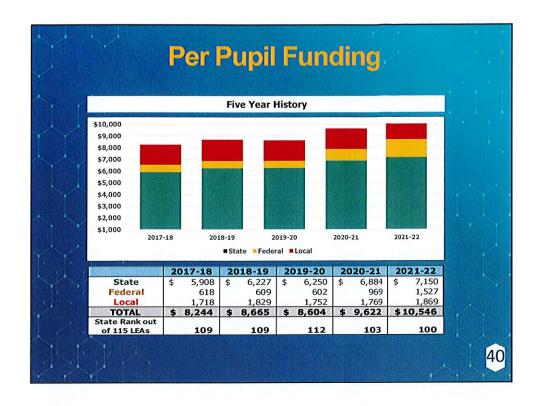
- NC General Assembly and DPI
- Gaston County Commissioners
- Federal Agencies (Medicaid, USDA, etc.)
- Various Federal, State and Local Grants

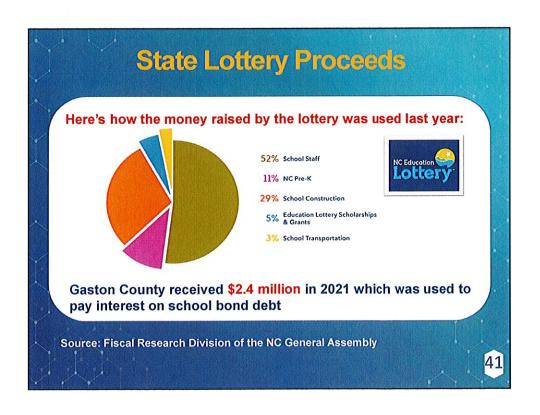
Operating funds are largely driven by student population and identified needs (economic factors, disabilities, etc.)



#### **Per Pupil Funding School District Name** Federal Total \$2,314 \$4,608 \$14,505 **Durham County Schools** \$7,583 **New Hanover County Schools** \$7,280 \$1,760 \$3,923 \$12,963 \$12,637 **Buncombe County Schools** \$7,414 \$2,209 \$3,014 \$11,533 Cleveland County Schools \$7,753 \$1,562 \$2,218 \$7,508 \$1,342 \$2,476 \$11,326 Rowan-Salisbury County Schools \$6,943 \$1,246 \$3,124 \$11,313 Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Schools \$1,902 \$10,841 Catawba County Schools \$7,067 \$1,872 \$10,832 \$6,713 \$1,919 \$2,200 redell-Statesville Schools \$7,150 \$1,527 \$1,869 \$10,546 **Gaston County Schools** Cabarrus County Schools \$6,800 \$1,032 \$2,545 \$10,377 \$10,316 Johnston County Schools \$7,078 \$1,343 \$1,895 \$10,254 \$2,568 **Union County Schools** \$6,512 \$1,174 \$10,245 Onslow County Schools \$6,778 \$1,393 \$2,074 \$10,044 Lincoln County Schools \$6,918 \$1,366 \$1,760 Source: DPIFY 2021-2022 Table 25 - Per Pupil Expenditure Ranking (Child Nutrition Excluded) Peer Group includes LEAs that are comparable in either size and/or geographic location 38

School District Name	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Durham County Schools	5	6	5	5	4
New Hanover County Schools	12	8	11	10	8
Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Schools	25	23	17	17	18
Buncombe County Schools	15	14	14	15	19
Union County Schools	31	31	30	37	32
Cabarrus County Schools	49	46	39	30	33
Rowan-Salisbury County Schools	30	42	37	32	35
Cleveland County Schools	53	72	68	46	53
Iredell-Statesville Schools	57	71	70	54	55
Onslow County Schools	36	44	42	34	68
Catawba County Schools	85	76	66	71	81
Johnston County Schools	72	62	74	85	82
Gaston County Schools	77	75	71	70	84
Lincoln County Schools	91	99	83	80	92
Catawba County Schools Johnston County Schools Gaston County Schools	85 72 77	76 62 75	66 74 71	71 85 70	8





# **Operating Expenses**

#### What is included in Operating Expenses?

- Employee salaries and benefits
- Instructional supplies and programs
- Technology hardware, software, wireless, etc.
- Transportation yellow buses, white buses, contract transportation
- School nutrition lunch and breakfast
- Utilities



#### **COVID Allotments**

#### Remaining COVID Allotments (as of 12/31/22):

ARP \$ 2.8 million expires September 30, 2024 ESSER II \$ 8.2 million expires September 30, 2024 ESSER III \$ 51.2 million expires September 30, 2025

Total \$62.2 million remaining

All remaining COVID allotments have been **BUDGETED** with DPI review and approval

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#### **COVID Expenses**

#### COVID Funds have been used for:

- Chromebooks and Wi-Fi access devices for students
- Books, printed materials, and supplies
- Summer learning program and after school tutors
- · Online learning materials
- School nutrition financial support
- Nurses, EC student support, etc.
- · COVID retention bonuses
- Additional teaching allotments
- Dedicated substitute teachers
- Air purifiers for all classrooms
- · Contracted custodial services





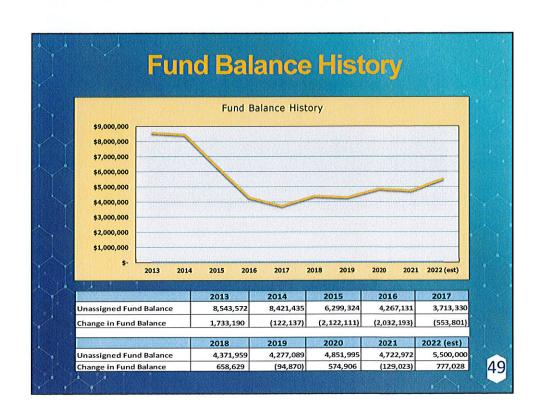
#### **Fund Balance**

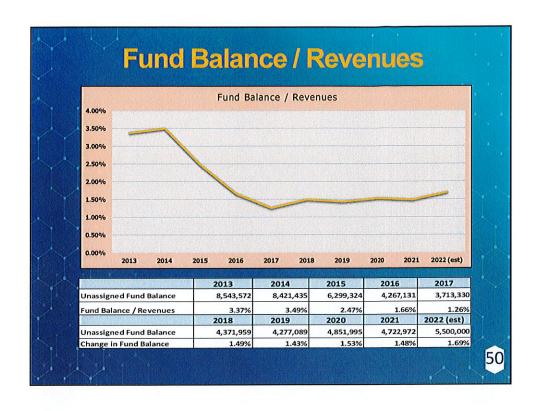
#### Why is a sufficient fund balance important?

Fund balance can be used to protect educational opportunities for our children in the event of some type of financial disruption. It also provides money for unanticipated repairs, fluctuations in spending or catastrophic events.

There are risks associated with funding on-going costs with fund balance or holding too much money in fund balance.

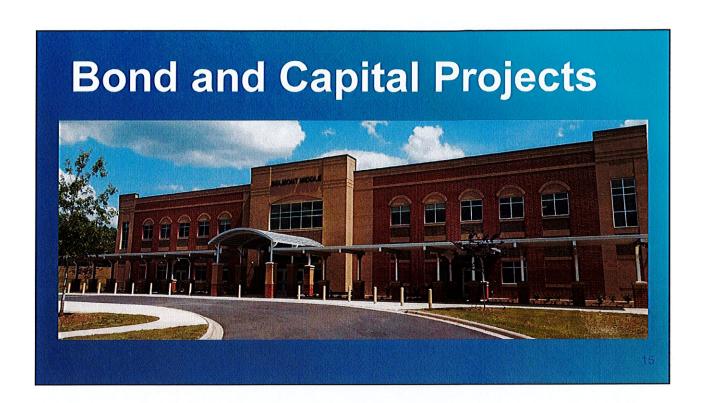


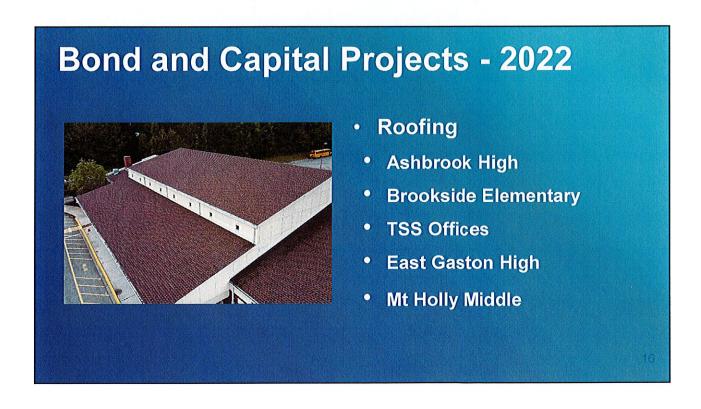


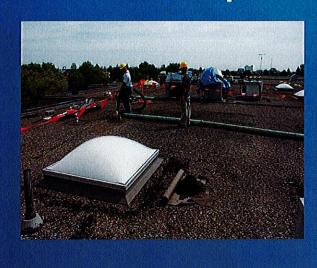


LEA Name	ADM	Unassigned Fund Balance	Total Revenues	Fund Balance / Revenues
Johnston County Schools	36,838	23,266,768	428,456,858	5.43%
redell-Statesville Schools	20,516	10,188,556	216,985,573	4.70%
Cleveland County Schools	14,011	5,364,539	176,479,343	3.04%
Onslow County Schools	27,768	9,193,501	323,859,922	2.84%
Catawba County Schools	15,448	4,480,868	160,298,235	2.80%
Jnion County Schools	41,196	9,446,925	425,096,282	2.22%
New Hanover County Schools	25,082	6,642,895	348,993,208	1.90%
PEER GROUP AVERAGE	33,794	7,759,947	416,652,700	1.86%
Gaston County Schools	29,936	5,500,000	325,000,000	1.69%
Durham County Schools	31,124	7,680,139	457,969,513	1.68%
Rowan-Salisbury County Schools	18,000	2,653,950	203,775,500	1.30%
incoln County Schools	11,406	1,271,716	113,751,930	1.12%
Charlotte-Mecklenberg County Schools	141,217	16,656,000	1,881,361,000	0.89%
Buncombe County Schools	22,041	2,019,050	287,854,917	0.70%
Cabarrus County Schools	34,674	2,014,405	391,602,825	0.51%









#### Roofing

- Holbrook Middle
- Kiser Elementary
- Pinewood Elementary
- Bessemer City Middle
- Forestview High
- DRM Building
- Springfield Elementary
- Cramerton Middle
- Lingerfeldt Elementary
- Ashbrook High

# **Bond and Capital Projects - 2022**

### Auditoriums / Curtains

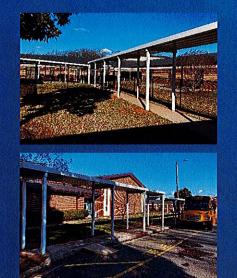
- South Point High
- Warlick Academy
- W.C. Friday Middle

#### **Covered Walkways**

- Lingerfeldt Elementary
- Page Elementary







#### **Auditoriums / Curtains**

Mt Holly Middle/ Ida Rankin

# **Covered Walkways**

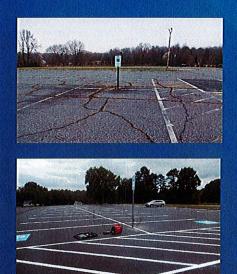
- Holbrook Middle
- W.A. Bess Elementary

# **Bond and Capital Projects - 2022**

#### **Paving**

- Catawba Heights Elementary
- East Gaston High
- Gardner Park Elementary
- Holbrook Middle
- Hunter Huss High
- New Hope Elementary





#### **Paving**

- South Point High School
- North Gaston High School
- Southwest Middle School
- Kiser Elementary School
- Cramerton Middle School

# **Bond and Capital Projects – 2022/Current**

#### **Flooring**

- Costner Elementary
- Cramerton Middle
- Ida Rankin Elementary
- Robinson Elementary
- Warlick Academy
- Kiser Elementary
- Chapel Grove
- Carr Elementary
- Brookside Elementary
- East Gaston High



# Lighting

- Webb Street
- Highland Tech
- Cherryville High
- North Gaston High
- Warlick Academy
- Forestview High



# **Bond and Capital Projects - Current**

#### **LED Lighting - Exterior/Interior**

- Bessemer City High
- Cramerton Middle
- Forestview High
- Hunter Huss High
- Mt Holly Middle
- North Gaston High
- W.C. Friday Middle



#### **Fencing**

- Bessemer City Middle
- Chavis Middle
- Cramerton Middle
- Ida Rankin Elementary
- Hunter Huss High
- Lingerfeldt Elementary
- Webb Street School



# **Bond and Capital Projects - Current**

#### **Fencing**

- Forestview High
- Gardner Park Elementary
- H. H. Beam Elementary
- Kiser Elementary
- North Belmont Elementary
- Robinson Elementary
- Springfield Elementary
- W. A. Bess Elementary





#### **School Signage 2022**

- Cramerton Middle
- New Hope Elementary
- Robinson Elementary
- Springfield Elementary
- W.A Bess Elementary

#### Current

- Belmont Central
- Cramerton Middle
- Hawks Nest





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# **Bond and Capital Projects - 2022**

#### **Drainage Improvements**

- Ashbrook High
- Forestview High
- East Gaston High
- John Chavis Middle





# Bond and Capital Projects - Current Drainage • Ashbrook High • North Gaston High • Ida Rankin

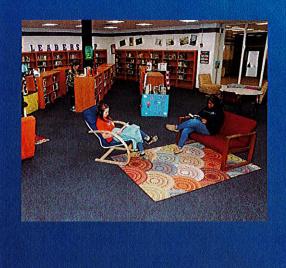
# Bond and Capital Projects - 2022 Media Centers Gardner Park Lingerfeldt Elementary Lowell Elementary

# **Media Centers – Elementary**

School	Book Shelves	Circulation Desk	Soft Seating	Tables & Chairs	Makers' space	Paint	Carpet	Lighting Ceiling grid	Books
Bessemer City Primary	ordered	ordered	ordered	ordered	State of	done	tiles done	done	
Brookside	done					X	Х	Х	
Carr			done	done		done	done	done	
Costner						done	done	done	
Chapel Grove	done	X				x	х	done ?	
Cherryville	done	done	done	done		done	done	done	
WA Bess	Х	X	X	Х		done	done	done	
North Belmont	done	done	?	done		done	done	done	
Lingerfeldt	done	done	done	done 10/2022		done	done	done	done
Sherwood	done	done	X	X		done	done	done	
Lowell	done	done	done 10/2022	done		done	done	done	
Pleasant Ridge	done	done	done	done	done	done	done	done	done
Springfield	done	done	done	done		done	done	done	
Pinewood	done		done	done		done	done	done	
HH Beam	done	done	done	done		done	done	done	done
Hawks Nest	done	done	done		done	done	done	done	done
Tryon	done	X		done		done	done	done	
Woodhill	done			done		done	done	done	done

# Media Centers - Middle / High

School	Book Shelves	Circulation Desk	Soft Seating	Tables & Chairs	Makers' space	Paint	Carpet	Lighting Ceiling grid	Books		
Bessemer City Middle		VIII.	done			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,			A. 147-147-147-147-147-147-147-147-147-147-		
(John) Chavis Middle	done	X	done	done	done	done	done	done			
Cramerton Middle		Next Renovation Project slated for 2023 ???									
(WC) Friday Middle	done	X	done	done	done	done	done	done			
Grier Middle		New Construction Due to Start Summer of 2023 ???									
Holbrook Middle	done	done	done	X	done	done	done	done	done		
Mount Holly Middle	ordered	ordered	ordered	ordered	ordered	in process	in process	in process			
Southwest Middle	done	X		done		done	done	done	The second second		
Stanley Middle	done	done	done	done	done	done	done	done	done		
York Chester Middle	done	done	done	done	done	done	done	done	done		
Ashbrook High	done	done	done	done	done	done	done	done	done		
Bessemer City High											
Cherryville High						done	done	done			
East Gaston High				done	done	done	done	done			
Forestview High	Next Renovation Project slated for 2023 ??										
Highland Tech	done		done		done	scheduled	scheduled	scheduled	done		
Hunter Huss High	done	done	done	done		done	done	done			
North Gaston High											
South Point High	done	done	done	done		done	done	done			
Stuart Cramer High	done	done	done	done	done	done	done	done	done		



#### **Media Centers**

- Bessemer City Primary
- Bessemer City Central
- Chapel Grove Elementary
- Cramerton Middle
- Mt Holly Middle

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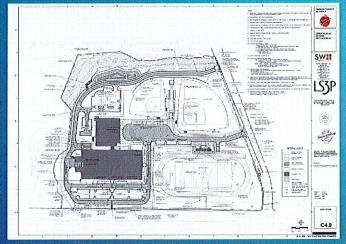
### **Bond and Capital Projects - 2021/Current**

#### **New School**

Grier Middle School

Athletic Construction / Renovation

- Hunter Huss High
- South Point High



Sand/Top Dress Football/Soccer Fields

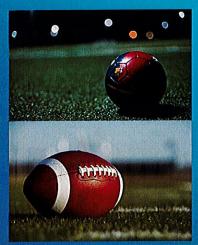
- Ashbrook High
- Cherryville High
- Highland Tech
- Hunter Huss High

Sand/Top Dress Softball Field

South Point High

Sand/Top Dress Practice Field

Stuart Cramer High



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# **Bond and Capital Projects - 2022**

**Softball Renovation** 

- Bessemer City High
- Forestview High
- North Gaston High

Football/Soccer Field Renovation

East Gaston High

Irrigation/Drainage Repair

- Hunter Huss High
- Forestview High
- North Gaston High



Sand/Top Dress Football/Soccer Fields

- Bessemer City Middle
- Cramerton Middle
- Holbrook Middle
- John Chavis Middle
- Mount Holly Middle
- Southwest Middle
- Stanley Middle
- W.C. Friday Middle
- York Chester Middle



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# Bond and Capital Projects - Current Athletic Fields

Sand/Top Dress/Renovate

- North Gaston Stadium Field
- South Point Practice Field

#### **Irrigation and Drainage**

- Ashbrook Soccer Field
- Bessemer City Stadium Field
- Forestview High Stadium Field



#### **Athletic Fields**

#### **Softball Field Renovation**

- Cherryville High
- East Gaston High
- Hunter Huss High
- Highland Tech

#### **Potential Track/Stadium Work**

- Stuart Cramer High
- North Gaston High

#### **Continue Maintenance Programs**

All High School Stadium Fields





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# **Stuart Cramer High School**

#### Wall Repair/Replacement

- H2L Consulting Engineers Creating a Design
- Sub-Contractors
   Gray Surveying
   Earth Improvement Technology
   Terracon Consultants, Inc.
- Attorneys

# **Stanley Middle School**

# Roof Repair/Replacement

- Warranty Reporting
- Meeting: General Contractor; Manufacturer; Installer and Attorneys
- Documentation: Location; Leaks, and Damage
- Currently Repair Working Towards a Replacement
- Continue to Work with School and Principal

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# 2023 Board Retreat

**Questions?** 

