

# Hall County School District Annual Report to the Community

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### Hall County Schools

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# Another Banner Year

In spite of the economic times, your Hall County School District has encouraging news to report in our Annual Report. Challenge has the potential to bring out the best in people, and our students and staff again proved how fortunate we are to live in Hall County.

New all-time high numbers of students graduated with International Baccalaureate Diplomas, were accepted into the Governor's Honors Program, and matriculated in some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in our state and nation. Career technical programs won state and national awards and experienced students being elected to state-level offices. Our extra-curricular sports and fine arts programs won region and state championships and our district was recognized in multiple national venues for our innovative approaches.

In the area of finance, we continue to seek new and more efficient ways to survive. Thanks to the fiscally conservative bent of your local board, we were able to use \$8 million of reserve funds to cushion the continued effects of a state austerity cut that now underfunds our district by \$20 million annually. Additionally, like many of our neighbors, tumbling real estate values have reduced our digest while popular exemptions to school tax have continued to multiply. As we move forward, we will be forced to find even more creative ways to provide the education our boys and girls deserve. On a more positive financial note, our community overwhelmingly passed an extension of the penny sales tax (SPLOST IV) which provides support for our facility and technology needs.

I believe our brightest days are still ahead. Your district continues to seek new and better ways to create experiences which speak to individual students' God-given passions and talents.

Serving this community continues to be a great honor. Thank you for trusting us with your most precious resource, our boys and girls.

Will Schofield, Superintendent

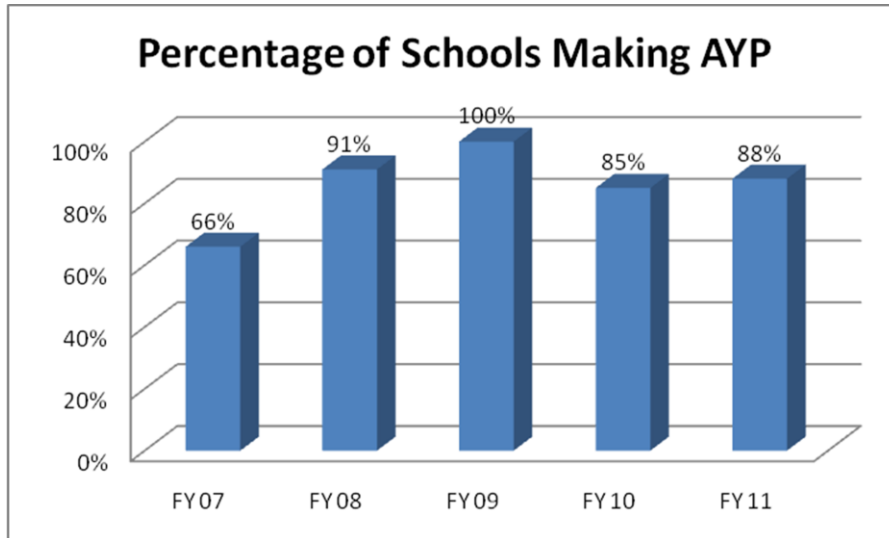


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# Academic Update

## 2010-2011 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Results

This year again marked significant increases in the standardized testing scores necessary to make AYP. In spite of that fact, 88% of Hall County schools achieved Adequate Yearly Progress.



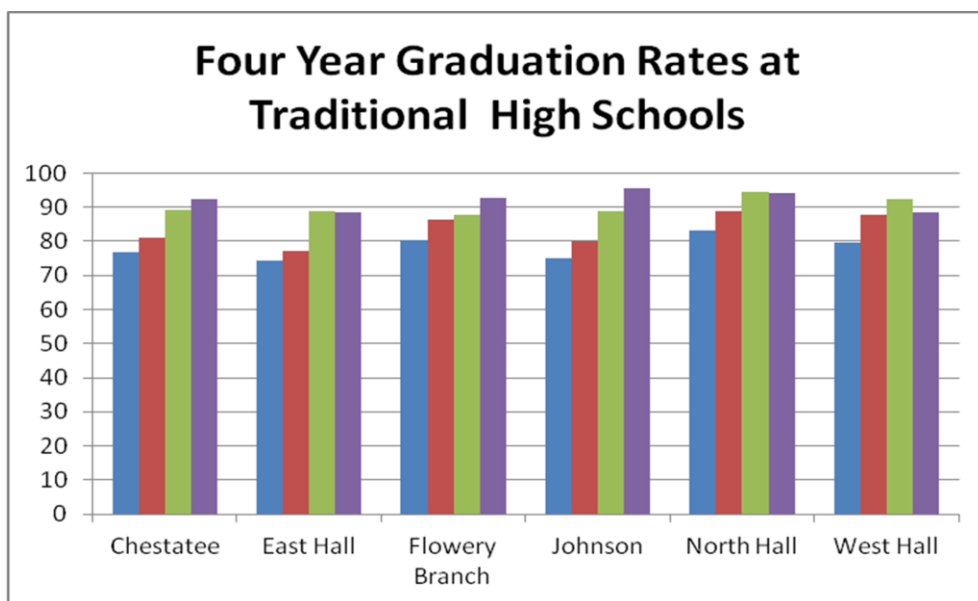
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## 2010-2011 High School Graduation Rates

Our six traditional high schools continued to make substantial gains in their graduation rates this year. We look forward to even greater gains as we continue to expand challenging and authentic experiences such as the International Baccalaureate Diploma, Advanced Placement, Honors Mentorship, and new offerings in the Career Technical field such as Habitat and Hospitality High. Additionally we will continue to expand opportunities to receive GED and Industry Certification opportunities for our non-traditional learners at LCCA.

### Graduation Rates

High School	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Chestatee	76.9	81.2	89.1	95.5
East Hall	74.2	77.3	88.8	87.9
Flowery Branch	80.5	86.3	87.8	90.4
Johnson	75.2	80.1	88.8	92.8
North Hall	83.1	88.9	94.6	94.1
West Hall	79.6	87.6	92.5	88.4



### Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT) Results

The state of Georgia requires students to pass an exit exam to receive a diploma. Results below represent the percent of students passing the exam on the first attempt. Hall County Students exceeded state rates in all testing areas.

	System	State	Difference
Math	90	84	+6
English	94	91	+3
Science	97	93	+4
Social Studies	85	80	+5
Students Passing All Four Core Areas	79	74	+5

### SAT Scores

The number of students who take the SAT continues to increase and Hall County Students continue to perform well.

	System	State
Critical Reading Mean	489	485
Math Mean	484	487
Writing Mean	470	473
Average Score	1443	1445

## ACT Scores 2008-2010

	System	State
<b>Composite</b>		
2008	20.2	20.6
2009	20.6	20.3
2010	21.1	20.7
<b>English/LA</b>		
2008	19.5	20.1
2009	20	19.7
2010	20.6	20.1
<b>Math</b>		
2008	20.2	20.6
2009	20.6	20.3
2010	21.2	20.7
<b>Reading</b>		
2008	20.8	20.9
2009	21.2	20.5
2010	21.4	20.9
<b>Science</b>		
2008	20.1	20.3
2009	20.1	20.1
2010	20.8	20.5

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### Middle School Students Taking High School End-Of-Course (EOCT) Tests

One of our system goals involves accelerating our middle school students with high school Carnegie Unit coursework. In three of these offerings, our students are able to take the high school EOCT:

Middle School	# Tested	% Passed
<b>9th Grade Literature</b>		
Chestatee	86	99
C.W. Davis	59	100
East Hall	55	100
North Hall	87	100
South Hall	140	97
West Hall	22	100
<b>State</b>		<b>82</b>

Middle School	# Tested	% Passed
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Physical Science		
Chestatee	83	100
C.W. Davis	147	100
East Hall	50	100
North Hall	84	100
South Hall	115	98
West Hall	71	94
<b>State</b>		<b>76</b>
Math 1		
Chestatee	40	100
C.W. Davis	46	100
East Hall	14	100
North Hall	77	100
South Hall	91	94
West Hall	22	98
<b>State</b>		<b>61</b>

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### Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) Results

The Iowa test is our nationally normed metric with 40 years of national historic data which measures annual growth. Results below represent National Percentile Ranking and account for gain/loss within our system.

	Reading	Change	Math	Change	ELA	Change
Third	55	(+1)	67	(+2)	54	(-1)
Fifth	53	(+1)	63	(+2)	57	(0)
Eighth	45	(+3)	52	(+2)	51	(+1)

2011 CRCT										
Grade	Reading	Change	ELA	Change	Math	Change	Science	Change	Soc St	Change
3	93%	(+1)	88%	(+2)	81%	(+5)	77%	(0)	72%	(+3)
4	89%	(0)	86%	(+1)	82%	(+5)	72%	(+1)	71%	(+7)
5	89%	(0)	91%	(+2)	84%	(+6)	67%	(-1)	60%	(+4)
6	94%	(+5)	90%	(+1)	76%	(0)	74%	(0)	73%	(+12)
7	90%	(+3)	93%	(+2)	91%	(+2)	81%	(+3)	79%	(+6)
8	95%	(+2)	91%	(+1)	76%	(+3)	71%	(+3)	73%	(+4)

### 2011 ACCESS Data

The Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State to State (ACCESS) test is administered annually to measure English Learners (ELs) English Language Proficiency. District ELL's must meet Annual Measurable Assessment Objectives (AMAO's) demonstrating 1) Progress and 2) Attainment of Proficiency, in addition to AYP goals. The results below provide data indicating that Hall County exceeds state targets

<b><u>ACCESS Band Data</u></b>					
<i>AMAO-1 Percent of ELs who moved one or more Performance Bands</i>					
<i>AMAO-2 Percent of ELs attaining proficiency</i>					
	<b>2008-2009</b>	<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>2010-2011</b>		
<b><u>AMAO-1</u></b>					
Georgia Target	48%	49%	50%		
<b>Hall County</b>	<b>60.7%</b>	<b>67.8%</b>	<b>63.8%</b>		
<b><u>AMAO-2</u></b>					
Georgia Target	5.5%	6.0%	6.5%		
<b>Hall County</b>	<b>13.58%</b>	<b>14.44%</b>	<b>14.27%</b>		

# Milestones

## Academic Milestones

- Davis Middle School team placed third in Odyssey of the Mind World Finals.
- Two Da Vinci Academy students qualified for the National History Day competition in Washington and advanced to the Finals. Katie Dionne received the special award for **Outstanding Entry on the Civil War**.
- Jake Jacob (FBHS), our District STAR Student, was named the Region 2 STAR Student! That makes Joan Grindle the Region STAR Teacher!
- Hall County Schools was selected by the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) to host winners from across the country of the prestigious *Javits-Frasier Teacher Scholarship for Diverse Talent Development*. Faculty from the University of Georgia's Gifted and Creative Studies Program joined the scholars to visit four programs recognized as exemplary by NAGC where culturally and linguistically diverse students have access to a variety of talent development opportunities.
- Superintendent Will Schofield was selected to participate on a panel of experts on the topic of *Best Practices for Working with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Gifted Students at the national convention of NAGC*. He was also selected to be a panel member at the NAGC Superintendents Forum, speaking on the topic of *Strategies for Enhancing Educational Rigor in Tough Times*.
- Five teachers and 45 students were selected to present at the Georgia Educational Technology Conference.
- Two students from Hall County Schools earned the Georgia URISA student achievement awards for their Geospatial Information System projects.
- Five Hall County students were selected as winners in the Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Competition, an international competition that recognizes exceptional creative achievement.
- The system realized a six percentage point gain system-wide in the number of students reading at or above grade level by the end of the third grade as measured by the DRA II.
- Spout Springs Elementary was approved and began its first year as a School-wide Enrichment Charter School. Additionally, Creative School of Inquiry at Chestnut Mountain Elementary, Mount Vernon Elementary Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and Flowery Branch Global Leadership programs have applied for Charters for 2012-2013.
- In collaboration with North Georgia College and State University, Hall County boasts Georgia's only Pre-K through 16 fully articulated Mandarin Chinese program.
- North Hall High School received a Venture Grant to investigate the establishment of a Regional STEM Charter School in collaboration with Lumpkin County, White County, and North Georgia College and State University.
- The system has multiple regional, state and national award winners in several academic and career technical programs.
- Over five hundred high school students took advantage of work-based learning and internship opportunities provided by our business community.
- Chestatee's Kyle Reynolds was a National Merit and Georgia Scholar winner



- The Career Technical Student Organizations continue to have a strong showing of state and national finalists in their respective events.
- In keeping with Hall County Schools focus on rigor, Advance Level courses are currently being develop in the Career Technical Pathways.
- Advanced Construction classes are now completing the construction of the eighth house for Habitat for Humanity.

### **Educator Milestones**

- Superintendent Will Schofield was selected as Superintendent of the Year by Advanced Ed/ SACS Accrediting Association.
- Several teachers have received state and national recognitions throughout the school year. The following are a few examples of those recognitions:
  - The Javits Frasier Teacher Scholar Georgia Association for Gifted Children
  - Behring National History Day Teacher of the Year
  - American School Counselor Association Model Program
- Phillip Wright Award, Georgia Association for Gifted Children Teacher of the Year. The Hall County Schools Educational Technology Conference and other professional learning opportunities (Hallco ETC) provided 21<sup>st</sup> century blended learning instructional strategies to 600 educators from every elementary, middle, and high school.

### **Milestones**

### **Athletic Milestones (updated for 2011)**

- North Hall Boys Cross Country Team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in GHSA AAA State Championships
- North Hall High's Cody Barger won GHSA AAA State Cross Country Championship, finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in the field of 222 runners
- North Hall Girls Cross Country Team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in GHSA AAA State Championships
- Flowery Branch Boys Cross Country Team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in GHSA AAAA State Championships
- West Hall High Boys Cross Country Team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in GHSA AAA State Championships
- West Hall High Girls Cross Country Team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in GHSA AAA State Championships
- Chestatee Girls Cross Country Team advanced to State
- North Hall High Volleyball Team advanced to Elite 8 GHSA AAA Championship Bracket
- West Hall High Volleyball Team advanced to Second Round of GHSA AAA Play-offs
- Flowery Branch Football Team advanced to Second Round of GHSA AAAA Play-offs
- East Hall Boys Basketball Team advanced to Elite 8 GHSA AA Championship Play-offs, and won the 8AA Region Championship
- Chestatee Girls Basketball Team advanced to Second Round of GHSA State Play-offs
- West Hall Boys Basketball Team advanced to Second Round of GHSA State Play-offs
- Johnson Boys Soccer Team advanced to Second Round of GHSA AAA State Play-offs, and won the 8AAA Region Championship
- North Hall Boys Soccer Team advanced to Second Round of GHSA AAA State Play-offs
- Flowery Branch Girls Soccer Team advanced to Second Round of GHSA AAAA State-Playoffs, and won the 8AAAA Region Championship
- Chestatee Girls Soccer Team advanced to Second Round of AAA GHSA State Play-offs
- North Hall Baseball Team advanced to Second Round of GHSA AAA State Play-offs

- West Hall Girls Track Team had Top 10 Finish (7<sup>th</sup> place) in GHSA AAA State Championships, and Mia Booker won two individual medals
- Flowery Branch Girls Team had Top 10 Finish (6<sup>th</sup> place) in GHSA AAAA State Championships
- Flowery Branch High's Erica Rucker won GHSA AAAA Track Championships in 400 Meter and 800 Meter
- East Hall High's Kerry Mata won GHSA AA Track Championship in 300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles
- North Hall's Cody Barger won GHSA AAA Track Championships in 1600 Meter and 3200 Meter
- North Hall Boys Track Team had a Top 10 Finish (7<sup>th</sup> place) in GHSA AAA State Championships
- Flowery Branch High's Austin Eckenroth won GHSA AAAA Track Championship in Pole Vault
- Chestatee High Competitive Cheerleading Squad placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in GHSA State Championships Co-Ed Division for All Classifications
- Special Olympics Hall County has experienced tremendous growth over the last two years and in 2011 qualified for and competed in the Special Olympics Georgia State Indoor Winter Games in Marietta, State Summer
- Games at Emory University in Atlanta, and the Fall State Games in Dalton. 175 athletes qualified to compete in bowling, basketball, track and field, soccer, bocce, and softball bringing home 14 gold medals, 12 silver medals, and 13 bronze medals. Special Olympics also hosted local fall bocce and softball, winter bowling, traveled to Cleveland for Area 02 Winter Games and will host Area 02 Spring Games at Davis Middle School in 2012

### Innovation in Hall County

Hall County School System was featured in both the Wall Street Journal and Forbes Magazine as an example of a school system where innovation in programming and technology is being used to emphasize students' individual strengths and interests, and, consequently, increasing the number of students scoring in the top tier of state tests.

The State Board of Education granted a waiver to allow Riverbend Elementary School's Advanced Scholars Academy (ASA) to progress with their education at the point of readiness, without regard to traditional seat-time requirements. ASA makes available a true "move on when ready" venue for qualified full-time students and, as part of the agreement with the SBOE, may accept up to 20 part-time students who are currently being home-schooled. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time in history such an opportunity has been extended to elementary students.

The Da Vinci Academy was selected for the very first exhibit of the 70-million-year-old remains of a rare adolescent Tyrannosaurus Rex. "Tinker," the teenage T-Rex was a find of international significance and DVA students worked with partners from Gainesville State College to prepare an exhibit that will remain at DVA for a year.

Three years ago, the Hall County School System Special Education Department launched a new partnership with Northeast Georgia Health Systems called Project SEARCH. This initiative allows a classroom to operate out of the medical center. The medical center supplies the classroom space and the Hall County Special Education Department supplies the classroom teacher. A partnership was also formed with Rehabilitation Industries of Northeast Georgia (RING), Georgia Mountains Workforce Development, and Vocational Rehabilitation to supply job coaches, laptop computers, and other program needs.

The students participating in Project SEARCH have the opportunity to rotate through three of fifteen job sites that have been cultivated at the medical center. The student interns acquire valuable job skills. The employment rate for interns in the school year 2010-2011 was 84%, a 55% increase in employment from 2008. The Hall County Project SEARCH Program has been recognized for the past two years as one of the top Project Search Programs in the U.S. They are on track to receive this recognition again this year.

In October 2011, Fox 5 News from Atlanta reported on the Project Search Program and their innovative approach to training, education, and employment that this program brings to the forefront. This special education programming has also been featured in the local newspaper and the Making a Difference Magazine produced quarterly by the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities. The Hall County Schools Project Search Program has consistently been recognized as one of the two best in Georgia.

Project Success is a second post secondary program implemented by the Hall County Special Education Department. In 2011, the program has grown to include three classes with 26 students, three instructors, and five job coaches. These students, instructors, and job coaches have become an integral part of the day to day operations of the Oaks Catering and Hospitality business. They currently have work site agreements with Walgreens and Hall County Parks and Leisure and continue to work to develop new work site partnerships with other businesses in the community. These instructors and job coaches work closely to educate the families of these students on futures planning and post graduation options.

In 2008 the Hall County Special Education Department in partnership with the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Partnerships for Success Grant initiated a pilot program at Spouts Springs Elementary School and North Hall High School involving students taking an active part in their IEP development and meetings. The results were so outstanding that the Georgia Department of Education Department of Special Education Services chose to pilot this concept statewide as ASPIRE (Active Student Participation Inspires Real Engagement). In 2010, the Hall County Special Education Department signed on with the Georgia Department of Education to participate in the statewide ASPIRE Program. Chestatee High School and East Hall High School were the two schools that signed on with 30 students and their families participating. For 2011, we have added Davis Middle School, East Hall Middle School, Johnson High School, North Hall High School, and Flowery Branch High School with an estimated 85 students countywide taking an active role in their personal IEP programming.

# Financial Update

Fiscal year 2011 ends with Hall County having absorbed approximately \$56 million of austerity cuts (state funds withheld from local districts) from the state since 9/11. Our austerity cut for FY 2011 was \$18,485,331.00.

Our enrollment growth for 2010-2011 school year was 269 students, or one percent. Local sources of revenue continue to be drastically reduced by the downturn in the economy. These revenue sources include real estate transfer taxes, intangible taxes, and interest earnings.

In addition to these reductions, increasing property tax exemptions and reassessments of property values have compounded the loss of revenues. The exemptions brought about a 4.6% reduction in the tax digest. Reassessments from FY 2010 to the current date have led to an 11.33% reduction in the tax digest. The exemptions plus reassessments amount to a 15.93% loss of digest. The digest decreased 3.95% in the preceding year resulting in a 19.88% reduction in two years.

Your Board of Education recognized the economic difficulties so many in our community are facing and passed an FY 2012 budget that did not raise taxes even though the millage rate had to be adjusted to 17.67 mills to compensate for the reduced digest. This millage rate will produce \$3,457,598 less taxes than in FY 2011.

We have continued to cut costs where possible and continue to impose a 2.4% reduction in total salary as well as seven days in reduced work schedule days. The Board and the staff continue to search for innovative approaches to funding to continue to provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century education for the boys and girls of Hall County.

## **What a Penny will do..**

The Hall County School District is committed to honoring the support our community extended through the passing of the most recent ESPLOST. During a time when economic conditions have made families and business alike tighten their budgets, Hall County School District has carefully evaluated and prioritized where ESPLOST funds will have the greatest impact for students and the communities where they live. First and foremost, Hall County School District attends to facilities and infrastructure needs to ensure students have safe, quality facilities with innovative technology and structures. Like many schools across our state, several facilities have been in need of general maintenance and repair that ESPLOST made possible. By having this funding source, the district's state allocations can be utilized to retain high quality teachers and minimize the impact of the state's increasing austerity reductions. There are many general maintenance upgrades that ESPLOST has funded including:

- Chestatee High School - \$27,000 – RACE room
- East Hall High - \$3.67 million – Kitchen addition, Cafeteria expansion, 4-classroom addition
- Johnson High - \$189,000 – HVAC unit replacement
- West Hall High - \$2.20 million – HVAC and roof replacement
- East Hall Middle - \$708,000 – HVAC replacement
- North Hall Middle - \$949,000 – HVAC replacement
- Oakwood Elementary - \$34,000 – Facility renovations
- Wauka Mountain - \$40,800 – Culinary classroom renovation, \$39,000 – Parking lot renovation
- Elementary Schools - \$130,000 – Security vestibules for all elementary schools
- All Middle/High Schools - \$79,700 – Plumbing upgrade to waterless urinals

Hall County School District will also be able to make several significant facilities improvements during the summer of 2012. The original South Hall Middle School Campus and Jones Elementary Campus will undergo complete renovations. Chestatee High School and East Hall High School will have enhanced weight rooms and field houses. Air Conditioning will be installed in four high school gyms making all of the district's high school gymnasiums air conditioned. New HVAC systems will be added to Tadmore Elementary and West Hall Middle School. Several schools will also undergo roofing projects.

In addition to the significant and necessary maintenance upgrades, additional technology devices and infrastructure are now in our classrooms. Over a twelve month period ending December 2012, each school in Hall County will receive their choice of student laptop computers, tablet computers, hover cams, TV's, projectors, Promethean boards, and additional wireless access points. Selections of student technology devices were chosen by each schools leadership team that best support the instructional needs of their students and complement hardware that was already in place in the school. Additionally, students in Hall County Schools may bring in personal computers, tablets, and phones to be used in our classrooms. All of our schools have a secure WiFi cloud throughout the facility allowing students to access digital resources in an age-appropriate filtered environment.

As we move into blended learning environments, teachers and school leaders are undergoing focused professional learning on effective ways to design and implement instructional plans where students utilize the resources of the world to collaborate and create new knowledge for themselves. During this school year, every school in the Hall County implemented school-based instructional technology professional learning on at least a monthly basis. Additionally, over 600 teachers and school leaders participated in summer training equipping them to better utilize the digital tools in our classrooms.

# The Future – Race to the Top

The Race to the Top Grant is a \$4 billion federal grant which is a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Georgia's share of that grant, \$400 million, is divided equally between the Georgia Department of Education and the 26 school systems that agreed to be a part of the grant. Hall County's allocation for this grant is \$3.8 million.

There are four commitments that a school system must make in order to receive and spend the Race to the Top funds. These include: making progress to rigorous college-and-career ready standards and high-quality assessments; establishing pre-K to college and career data systems; making improvements in teacher effectiveness through a strategic compensation plan; and providing intensive support to the lowest-performing schools. Fortunately, Hall County does not have any low-performing schools; therefore, Hall County's commitments are to the first three of the requirements. With Race to the Top funds, Hall County School will make an overwhelming commitment to rigorous standards. Teachers are already using the Georgia Performance Standards and the state frameworks that accompany them. The system will make a commitment to roll out and provide intensive professional learning for the Common Core State Standards which have recently been adopted by the State Board of Education. These standards and accompanying assessments will be implemented within the next year.

Hall County Schools will also commit to the use of data systems that provide longitudinal data on students from pre-K through college or career. The school system currently uses the Infinite Campus system for student data which allows any data collected by the state to be made available to teachers and schools.

The third commitment is for a strategic compensation plan. About one-third of the Race to the Top funds have to be set aside for the fourth year of the grant to be used for strategic compensation. Strategic compensation will be based first on a new evaluation system for teachers, leaders and school systems that will be developed by the state. Systems will also be able to give bonus pay for special accomplishments and services. Teachers who are already in service may opt-in this strategic compensation plan while newly hired teachers will automatically move in the compensation plan.

Other than the strategic compensation plan, the largest expenditures Hall County anticipates with Race to the Top funds will be for professional development and for the implementation of a learning management system. The learning management system will put all of the elements of teaching and learning-curriculum, instruction, assessment data, teacher resources, and professional learning-at the teacher's fingertips in the classroom. This system will also allow teachers, students, and parents to interact with learning anytime, anywhere.

Race to the Top funds will allow the Hall County School System to continue its focus on its primary vision: Character, Competence, Rigor ...for all!

Race to  
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# Meet Your Board of Education



## **Nath Morris, Chairman**

Nath is in his 12<sup>th</sup> year serving the North Hall Post of the Board of Education. Mr. Morris has served as legislative liaison and has a passion for maintaining local control of educational concerns.

“Who knows better the educational needs for our students than our teachers, administrators and community?”

Nath is a graduate of the University of Georgia and is the US Breeder Sales Manager for Perdue Farms and has been in the poultry industry for 26 years. Married to Joy, their two children graduated from North Hall High School. Megan is now a graduate from the University of Georgia’s Terry Business School. Jennifer is a senior at Piedmont College. Joy serves as a substitute teacher in the North Hall cluster.

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## **Craig Herington, Vice-Chairman**

Craig is in his 12th year serving as the District 3 Representative of the Board of Education. He also serves as the Board’s representative on the Hall County Parks and Leisure Board. Craig is a native of Hall County and a graduate of Johnson High School. He has been employed by Duplicating Products of Gainesville for 34 years.

Craig and Lisa have two children, Heather and Michael both graduates of Hall County Schools. Heather teaches second grade at Martin Technology Academy and will graduate from Brenau University with her Masters in Early Childhood Education this December. Heather has blessed them with three beautiful grandchildren, Mollie, Macie, and Konner. Michael is now working for Crossroads Meat Co. in Flowery Branch.

Lisa has been in the education field for 23 years and is working for the Hall County School System in the Technology Department. Craig is proud to be associated with such an outstanding group of teachers, administrators and support staff.



### **Sam Chapman, Board Member**

Sam is in his fifth year serving on the board. He is a farmer and has promoted agriculture as executive secretary for Hall County Farm Bureau Board of Directors for the past ten years. He and his wife, Martha, are active members of Air Line Baptist, where he serves as Chairman of the Deacons.

Sam, Martha, their sons Mitch and Lee, along with daughters-in-law Karen and Julie, are all graduates of UGA. Mitch, Lee and Karen received their masters degree from Brenau, and both Karen and Julie are school teachers. Martha, Mitch, Lee, grandson Josh, and granddaughters Haley and Payton are all graduates of EHHS. Josh is

a senior at Piedmont College, and Haley and Payton are currently at UGA. His grandson Hayden currently attends EHHS.

Josh is a senior at Piedmont College, and Haley and Payton are currently at UGA. His grandson Hayden currently attends EHHS. Sam is a strong supporter of parental involvement in all phases of education. He firmly believes in local control of all educational issues. He believes our school system needs to teach using the most advanced technology available at all times throughout the whole system. He is proud to be a part of a board and administration with Christian values that work in harmony for the betterment of educational opportunities for all students within the school system.

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### **Brian Sloan, Board Member**

Brian began his second term as the Post 2 Board member in 2011. He is a graduate of North Georgia College and State University with a degree in Education. He has served as the Pastor of Worship at Chestnut Mountain Church for the past thirteen years. His wife, Annette, is the practice administrator for Heritage OBGYN in Gainesville. Their children include; Brandon, a senior at NGCSU; Caitlin, a freshman at GCSU; and Karis, a junior at Johnson High.

Brian believes that Hall County Schools can set the pace in providing families a broader scope of options when choosing a child's education. He also is a strong advocate for using extra-curricular activities for long-term character building. He is confident that Hall County Schools will effectively lead the way into the future.

"I am so pleased with the accomplishments of this team of progressive thinkers in our system. I am proud to give my support in any way I can."



**Bill Thompson, Board Member Elect**

Bill Thompson has begun his second year as a Board member. He retired from the Hall County School System after serving 32 years. His most recent position was that of Principal of Chestatee High School. His love for the students and staff at all of his positions made the job fun and not a “job”.

His wife Linda has served in the Hall County School System for over 30 years. Three of his five children have worked for the Hall County School System at one time or another.

Bill is extremely proud of his years of service to the school communities and is enjoying his service in the new capacity of a Board of Education member.

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# System Facts

- 33 Schools
  - 20 Elementary Schools
  - 6 Middle Schools
  - 6 High Schools
  - 1 Charter Career Academy
- Enrollment - **25,845**
- Fiscal Year 2010 General Fund Budget - **\$197,917,127**
- Fiscal Year 2010 Millage Rate - **16.42**
- Percent of students qualifying for free and reduced lunch - **57%**
- Number of English Language Learner Students - **5,671**



## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

	PHONE#	FAX#	PRINCIPAL
Chestnut Mountain Elementary	770-967-3121	770-967-4891	Dr. Sabrina May
Chicopee Woods Elementary	770-536-2057	770-536-2175	Hank Ramey
Flowery Branch Elementary	770-967-6621	770-967-4880	Susan Miller
Friendship Elementary	770-932-1223	770-932-2162	Berry Walton
Lanier Elementary	770-532-8781	770-531-3017	John Wiggins
Lula Elementary	770-869-3261	770-869-1961	Matt Alexander
Lyman Hall Elementary	770-534-7044	770-531-2321	Lois Myers
Martin Elementary	770-965-1578	770-965-1668	Tamara Etterling
McEver Elementary	770-534-7473	770-531-3055	Dr. Catherine Rosa
Mount Vernon Elementary	770-983-1759	770-983-1663	Connie Daniels
Myers Elementary	770-536-0814	770-531-2323	Beth Hudgins
Oakwood Elementary	770-532-1656	770-531-2326	Dr. Shane Rayburn
Riverbend Elementary	770-534-4141	770-531-3054	Dr. Debra Smith
Sardis Elementary	770-532-0104	770-531-3057	Neil Yarrington
Spout Springs Elementary	770-967-4860	770-967-4883	Steve McDaniel
Sugar Hill Elementary	770-503-1749	770-503-9686	Beth Skarda
Tadmore Elementary	770-536-9929	770-531-2325	Robin Gower
Wauka Mountain Elementary	770-983-3221	770-983-1019	Dr. Jo Dinnan
White Sulphur Elementary	770-532-0945	770-531-2324	Dr. Ann Murphy
World Language Academy	770-967-5854	770-967-3496	David Moody

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Chestatee Middle	770-297-6270	770-297-6275	Suzanne Jarrard
Da Vinci Academy	770-533-4004	770-533-4018	Paula Stubbs
Davis Middle	770-965-3020	770-965-3025	Eddie Millwood
East Hall Middle	770-531-9457	770-531-2327	Kevin Bales
North Hall Middle	770-983-9749	770-983-9993	Dr. Brad Brown
South Hall Middle	770-532-4416	770-907-5852	Paula Stubbs
West Hall Middle	770-967-4871	770-967-4874	Dr. Karla Swafford

## HIGH SCHOOLS

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East Hall High	770-536-9921	770-535-1184	Jeffrey Cooper
Flowery Branch High	770-967-8000	770-967-1218	Dr. Mark Coleman
Johnson High	770-536-2394	770-531-3046	Stan Lewis
Lanier Charter Career Academy	770-531-2330	678-450-5978	Dr. Cindy Blakley
North Hall High	770-983-7331	770-983-7941	Joe Gheesling
West Hall High	770-967-9826	770-967-4864	Dr. Greg Williams

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