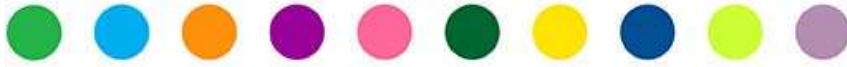


Strategic Priorities



Building a Better Gwinnett

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Studies show that the single most important school-based factor in student success is high-quality teaching. To me, that's commonsense. Making sure that I put a competent, caring, and dedicated educator in every classroom in this school is one of the most important things I can do to make sure our students are successful.

GCPS' Strategic Priorities for 2010-2020 spell out what our expectations are for employees— teachers, administrators, and support staff— to help make sure that our schools and our students will be as successful in the future as they are now.

Here's what the Priority for Employees says:

Gwinnett County Public Schools' employees—teachers, administrators, and support personnel— will be committed to high expectations for student learning and will take responsibility for the results achieved. They will be caring, dedicated professionals who embrace lifelong learning, continuous improvement, and professional growth. Their effective use of data and information will improve teaching and learning and their own job performance. Employees will exhibit the highest ethical standards and will expect the same from their co-workers, students, and the school district.

Staff will work collaboratively across grade levels and across divisions to benefit students and the organization. They will be champions for all children and passionate advocates for strong public schools, believing public education is essential to America's prosperity. School district employees will respect the differences and build on the rich diversity found within our student body, our workforce, and our community. All employees will recognize how their daily work makes a difference in the lives of students and has a positive impact on the future of Gwinnett County, our state, and our nation. Employees who perform at high levels will be rewarded and recognized for their contributions to the district's success.

You may have heard this before, but in Gwinnett, there are just two kinds of employees, those who teach, and those who support our teachers. The work of every single employee— in the classroom, in our halls, in the cafeteria, in the office, or on a bus— makes a positive difference for kids. Everyone at our school shares in your child's success. We all have high expectations (for students and staff both). I believe that the hard work, commitment, and focus

Throughout the school year, I will highlight one or two of GCPS' Strategic Priorities each month until we've looked at all 10 priorities. As I explained in October, the priorities keep us moving in the right direction to ensure that Gwinnett County students in 2020 will be as successful as today's students.

of our employees pays off every time a student masters a new concept, makes progress in a difficult subject, or reaches a milestone.

In communicating with your child's teacher, I hope you see what I see— a professional who is committed to improving every day; someone who believes in your student, your child's potential, and the power of public education in the lives of children. As a school community, we celebrate the rich diversity— of cultures, ethnicities, and abilities— to be found among our students, staff, and neighbors. I believe our children are truly fortunate to live at a time and in a place that allows our school to be a “melting pot,” giving students exposure to other cultures and countries even as we recognize America's singular place on the world stage.

Please know that our school is committed to these priorities and GCPS' strategic direction. I thank you for everything you do at home to support the school and your child's teacher.

Together, we'll work to make sure that Gwinnett County Public Schools becomes the system of world-class schools we want for our children and helps build a better Gwinnett for all of us.

Sincerely,
Karen Head
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