

#### MISSION

**Guilford County students will** graduate as responsible citizens prepared to succeed in higher education, or in the career of their choice.\*





**DIVERSITY** - We are committed to creating an educational organization where a variety of persons and perspectives are welcome. We are committed to providing an environment where students and staff from all cultures and backgrounds may succeed.

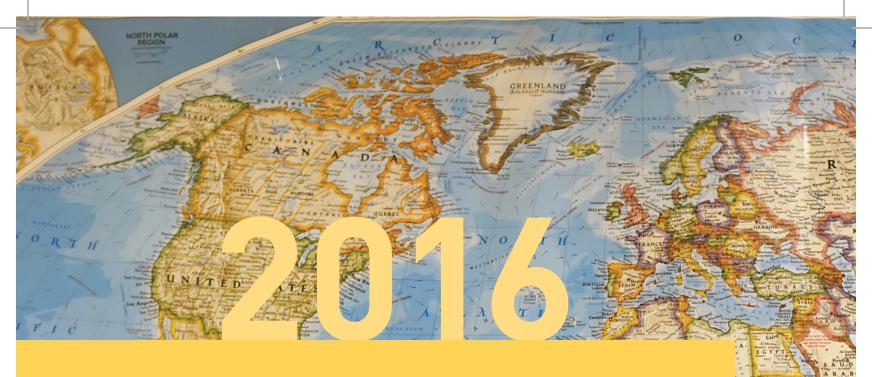
EMPATHY - We are committed to developing a culture where our employees identify with and understand the feelings of our students and parents as well as their colleagues.

**EQUALITY** - We are committed to creating a school system where everyone is appreciated for who they are and evaluated solely on their contributions and performance. Through the work of this institution, we will create awareness of - and develop strategies to understand and eradicate – prejudice, discrim<mark>ination and racism on</mark> the individual and organizational levels.

INNOVATION - We are committed to fostering a work environment where the goal is not to manage innovations, but to become innovative. Problems are identified, adults in the district assume ownership of the problems, and everyone works together as agents of the solution until the problems are solved. We will not stop until obstacles are removed, solutions are found, and clear and compelling goals are established.

INTEGRITY - We are committed to creating a school district that acts with honesty and forthrightness, holding ourselves to high academic and ethical standards and treating everyone with respect.





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# Letter from Superintendent

Transitions offer a unique opportunity to examine deficits, enhance best practices, identify strengths and elevate an organization's vision.



What a joy it is to be a part of an important transition for Guilford County Schools – one that involves a powerful, collective push from being "good" to becoming "great."

Over the past few months, I have spoken to many of our students, teachers, parents, staff members and community leaders and have been delighted to learn that we are not content with simply being good. Our district is committed to being among the few who dare for greatness!

I firmly believe in the power of the collective, and have assembled a Transition Team comprised of some of the most brilliant minds in the areas of student achievement, equity, talent development, organizational effectiveness and learning optimization. Our children deserve nothing less. Their challenges are nuanced, which requires that we implement solutions that are personalized and targeted so that every single child in Guilford County Schools has an opportunity to fulfill his or her potential.

Today, our schools fall on a spectrum, with some excelling beyond state and national standards, and others still struggling. The goal of our incoming school board, as it was with their predecessors, is to rally around every school, particularly those that are the most challenged, to find strategic and creative ways to meet the needs of our diverse staff, faculty and student body.

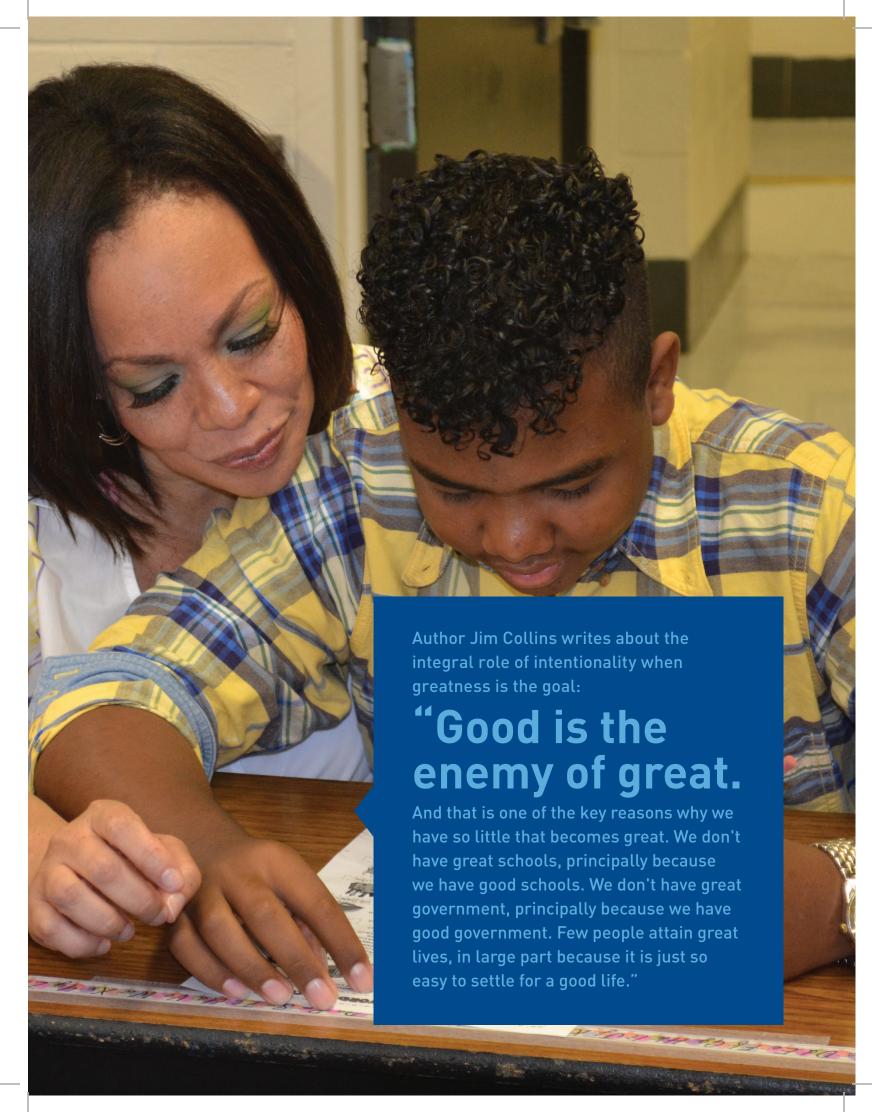
I could not be more pleased with this GCS team, as their willingness to grapple with our achievement gaps and to offer their expertise is precisely what is needed to foster Guilford County's vision for a thriving educational community.

Our children's futures are full of promise, and it is our job to educate and prepare them to be ushered into the world, fully equipped to contribute their strengths and talents in ways that are authentic, meaningful and profoundly fulfilling. We can do this by emphasizing the infinite possibilities available to them, and by providing them with the resources and support to pursue those possibilities. Our children need us to be "all in."

Together, we can soar to greatness.

Sharon L. Contreras

Sharon L. Contreras, Ph.D. Superintendent



# GCS By The Numbers



#### **STUDENTS**

K-12 student count for 2016-17:

71,747

PreK-13 student count for 2016-17:

73,306

2016-17 student demographics (20th Day)

- American Indian 0.42%
- Asian 6.25%
- Black 40.62%
- Hispanic 15.15%
- Multi-Racial 4.01%
- Pacific Islander 0.15%
- White 33.4%

Number of advanced learners:

13,792

Number of special education students:

10,733

Number of students who are homeless:

2,640

Student poverty rate:

62.3%

Number of languages/dialects spoken:

105

Top Five Foreign Languages Spoken: Spanish, Arabic, Hindi, Vietnamese and Karen

Graduation rate (2016):

89.4%

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

**597** buses



**2,972** bus routes

**39,713** stops made each day

**51,970.95** miles traveled daily

700+ bus drivers



#### **SCHOOL NUTRITION**

**5,476,044** breakfasts served in 2015-16, a 6.5% increase from 2014-2015

**8,041,007** lunches served in 2015-16, a 1% increase

**619,327** after-school snacks served, a 10% increase

**40,546** breakfasts served this summer, a 72% increase from June/July 2015

**92,174** lunches served this summer, a 34% increase

**780** School Nutrition Services employees

#### **EMPLOYEES AND SCHOOLS**

Full-Time Personnel: 9,228

Total personnel: 10,105

Number of new teachers trained in summer 2016 through GCS Induction

and Success: 342

Number of AP courses offered: 30

Number of magnet programs:

54 programs at 45 schools

Number of CTE courses:

187 courses at 50 schools

Number of minutes read through GCS Reads 20 since 2014-15: **269,161,272+** 



#### **FACILITIES**

**340** school and administrative buildings

127 schools

**12,287,138** square feet of facilities

**48** cents per square foot funding for maintenance

7 current HVAC projects

**30,000** completed work orders in 2015-16

**51 years**: average age of district buildings



#### **TECHNOLOGY**

**26,000** desktop computers

**18,000** tablets (PACE 1:1)

**5,000** lap tops

**11,000** phones

**1,700** mounted projectors

**4,700** TVs

**35,000** help desk tickets processed each year

(Numbers are approximate.)

# **Guilford County Quick Facts**

517,600

residents

\$45,050

median household income

17.3%

persons below poverty level

12.7%

language other than English spoken at home 33.7%

bachelor's degree or higher

645.70

land in square miles

11

cities and towns

Browns Summit, Gibsonville, Greensboro, High Point, Jamestown, Oak Ridge, Pleasant Garden, Sedalia, Stokesdale, Summerfield and Whitsett



"You'll be on your way up!
You'll be seeing great
sights! You'll join the high
fliers who soar to high
heights!" Dr. Seuss

In Guilford County Schools, leaders and teachers strive to create a personalized learning experience for every child. We honor the diversity of our students, including the varied ways and rates at which they learn by crafting lessons that lead students down individualized pathways to college and career readiness. From a 6th grade math teacher working with students to track their own learning progressions to a high school biology teacher guiding her students in conducting research on the brain, our students are expanding their knowledge and future opportunities.

More than one-third of our seniors graduate having already passed one Advanced Placement, IB or college level course. Seniors graduate with industry standard certifications that allow them to immediately move into well-paying jobs. Almost 90% of our students graduate on time, having completed a personalized journey that prepared them for an exciting future. More than ever before, a Guilford County Schools education is a gateway to success.



## Record-breaking Graduation Season

GCS celebrated another record-breaking graduation season with an 89.4 percent graduation rate, 11 schools with graduation rates at 100 percent, six others with a graduation rate of 95 percent or higher, and students leaving GCS with offers of more than \$160.8 million in scholarships, not including the last-dollar tuition scholarships offered by Say Yes to Education Guilford.



Before leaving GCS, many students thanked the district for preparing them to succeed as they move from classroom to college, career and life.

Salutatorian **Johnny Powell** and **Emmanuel Kelly** both set off for Harvard University after graduating from Southeast High in 2016. The two credit advanced placement courses for helping them grow as students and for helping them find their passions as they begin their college careers.



Daisy Arguello and Wendy Dominguez both came to GCS in middle school, without knowing English, but in 2016 they graduated from Smith High in the top 20 percent of their senior class. The two friends say the support and care of their teachers was critical in their success, particularly when applying to colleges since they both were the first high school graduates in their families.



#### **SCHOOLS WITH 100% GRADUATION RATES**

Academy at Central
Academy at Smith
Early College at Guilford
Middle College at Bennett
Middle College at GTCC-Greensboro
Middle College at GTCC-High Point

Middle College at N.C. A&T Middle College at UNCG Penn-Griffin School for the Arts STEM Early College at N.C. A&T Weaver Academy

#### **SCHOOLS WITH 95% + GRADUATION RATES**

Greensboro College Middle College (98.7) Northern High (98.4) Middle College at GTCC-Jamestown (97.4) Northwest High (96.9) Southwest High (95.5) Southeast High (95.1)



The Early College at Guilford



Dudley High



Steven M. Cozart



Southern High FFA Horse Judging Team

#### **SCHOOL RECOGNITIONS**

- The Early College at Guilford was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the Department of Education.
- GCS had 14 high schools on the 2016 Washington Post's America's Most Challenging High Schools list. GCS schools also took 3 of the top 10 spots in the state; The Early College at Guilford made the paper's Public Eilte list.
- Three high schools among the top 10 in the state are on the U.S. News and World Report 2016 Best High Schools list and 12 schools recognized overall.
- Six high schools completed the 2015-16 school year ejection free in all sports (Ben L Smith, Eastern, Grimsley, Northeast, Southern, and Southwest)
- Dudley High won the state 4A football championship.
- National Schools of Character: Brooks Global Studies, Oak Hill Elementary and Southeast High
- State Schools of Character: Haynes-Inman Education Center, Oak Hill Elementary and Southeast High
- Kiyoshi Carter, Western High, was named one of School Band and Orchestra Magazine's 50 Directors Who Make a Difference.
- John Phillips, Brooks Global Studies, was named the N.C. Science, Mathematics and Technology Education Center's Outstanding K-8 Educator.
- Fabian Reid, eighth-grade math teacher at Northeast Middle, was recognized as one of the most creative teachers in the country by The Henry Ford Teacher Innovator Awards.
- Steven M. Cozart, visual arts teacher at Weaver Academy, received the 2016 Dorothea Lange-Paul Taylor Prize from the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University.
- Montlieu Academy of Technology, the district's first one-to-one technology school, was named an Apple Distinguished School, becoming one of approximately 200 schools across the country.
- Dudley High received the Hubert B. Humphrey Jr. Award, given annually for the most improved school, from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.
- Northwest High students took fourth place in the North Carolina Association for Scholastic Activities Art Showcase. Winning students are: Savannah Raines (drawing), Ian Mayes (painting), Mary Frank (collage), Luke Johnson (computer-generated), Christian Pierce (sculpture), Kendall Balton (photography), Raymond Kim (mixed media) and Nathan Royall (printmaking).
- The Southern High FFA Horse Judging Team received a silver emblem plaque at the National FFA Competition in Indianapolis, Ind., in October. The National FFA Horse Evaluation is a competitive event that tests students' ability to select and evaluate horses. Team members are: Dominick Griffin, Amilia Schimmel, Abby Bruce (2016 graduate) and Michaela Green (2016 graduate).

#### **INCREASES IN SCHOOL GROWTH**

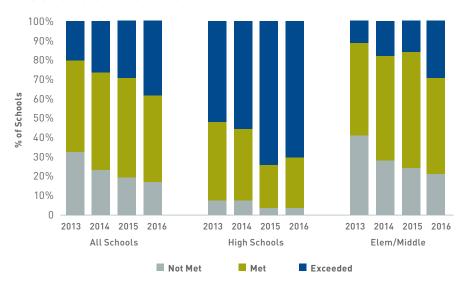
Nearly 83% of all GCS schools met or exceeded expected growth in 2016.

- Up from 80% of GCS schools in 2015
- 73.6% of all schools in North Carolina met or exceeded growth
- Percentage of GCS schools that exceeded growth increased from 29.1% in 2015 to 38.5% in 2016

Expected Growth is roughly the equivalent to a year's worth of growth/learning for a year of instruction.

- Meeting expected growth means students learned about a year's worth of information
- Exceeding expected growth means they learned more than a year's worth.

#### GCS School Growth from 2013 to 2016



#### **COOL TO BE SMART**

A celebration of students passing a combination of at least five AP or IB exams or five qualifying college courses with a B or above while in high school.

5,541
Total Students Potentially Eligible

778

Total Students Who Met Criteria

12.4%

Increased from 659 qualifiers from the class of 2015 (out of 5,320)

203

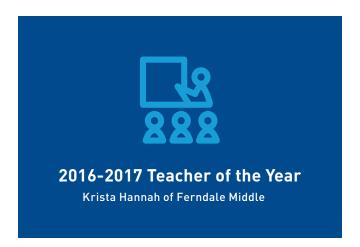
Students from the class of 2016 passed 10 or more AP/IB exams or qualifying college courses (compared to 189 in 2015 and 170 in 2014)

GCS: A GATEWAY TO SUCCESS magnet and choice schools with 54 programs

Students can study Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

(STEM)

aviation, Spanish immersion, health sciences, Montessori and more Career and
Technical
Education (CTE)
courses in
50 schools









Rookie Teacher of the Year: Amanda Pickett, Sternberger Elementary The Rosalyn Tanner Orr Mentor of the Year: Brandy Robinson-Laws, Andrews High

#### **EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH**

January 2016 - Bernadette Darby February 2016 - Daniel Ivers March 2016 - Tammy White April 2016 - Ann Brooks

May 2016 - Kristie Altvater June 2016 – Shannon Wicker July 2016 - Julie Kimsey August 2016 - Sharon McCleese September 2016 - Del Pickard October 2016 - LaToya Murphy November 2016 - Todd Moore December 2016 - Ken Bailey

programs include Cisco Security, Computer Programming Engineering & Design, Automotive Technology, Animal Science Horticulture, Health Science, Early Childhood Education, Culinary Arts & Hospitality and many more.

nationally recognized visual and performing-arts high schools

different Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered districtwide

Challenging International Baccalaureate programs at four GCS high schools

#### **Academic Goals**

#### STRATEGIC PLAN 2016 GOAL TRACKING

Acad	lemic Area	Target Goal	Baseline 2012-13	Performance 2013-14	Performance 2014-15	Performance 2015-16	Status as of 11/1/2016					
I.A	Increase the percentage of students who graduate from high school in four years from 84.5 to 90 percent as measured by the North Carolina cohort graduation rate method.	90.0%	86.2%	88.5%	89.3%	89.4%	•					
I.B	Increase the percentage of students who perform at proficient and advanced levels on State End of Grade Reading (EOG) and Math tests, grades 3-8, and Science tests, grades 5 and 8. [2013-14 is baseline.]											
	Proficient Level:											
	Reading Grades 3-8 GLP Proficiency	66.5%		52.1%	51.6%	52.0%	•					
	Math Grades 3-8 GLP Proficiency	64.6%		49.2%	48.5%	50.6%	•					
	Science Grades 5 & 8 GLP Proficiency	69.2%		60.3%	62.5%	67.3%	•					
	Advanced Level:											
	Reading Grades 3-8 CCR Proficiency	58.8%		41.4%	41.0%	41.8%	•					
	Math Grades 3-8 CCR Proficiency	59.1%		41.3%	40.6%	43.4%	•					
	Science Grades 5 & 8 CCR Proficiency	61.6%		49.7%	53.4%	57.9%	•					
I.C		Increase the percentage of high school students who perform at proficient and advanced levels on the composite Biology, Algebra I and English II End of Course tests. [2013-14 is baseline.]										
	Proficient Level:											
	Biology GLP Proficiency	69.0%		56.3%	53.3%	54.1%	•					
	Math I GLP Proficiency	68.0%		60.0%	62.2%	62.8%	•					
	English II GLP Proficiency	72.5%		61.8%	58.8%	59.2%	•					
	Advanced Level:											
	Biology CCR Proficiency	63.5%		48.3%	45.7%	46.3%	•					
	Math I CCR Proficiency	62.6%		46.2%	51.9%	53.3%	•					
	English II CCR Proficiency	66.0%		53.1%	49.5%	50.9%	•					
I.D	Increase the percentage of graduating seniors who complete a CTE Concentration course of study.	42.6%	39.6%	31.7%	32.7%	30.3%	•					
I.E	Increase the number of industry standard certifications, including WorkKeys certificates, earned annually by Career and Technical Education (CTE) graduating seniors by 5 percent from 3,190 in 2011-12 to 3,350 by 2015-16.	3,350	4,388	4,667	5,410	5,316	•					
l.F	Increase the percentage of graduating seniors who have earned at least one college credit (through AP, IB or equivalent college courses) while in high school.	35.0%	31.4%	33.1%	34.7%	35.3%	•					
I.F2	Increase the percentage of graduating seniors who earned a passing grade in at least one college course (passed an AP exam, passed an IB exam, or passed any college course with a D or better) while in high school.	36.8%	33.2%	35.0%	37.1%	37.6%	•					

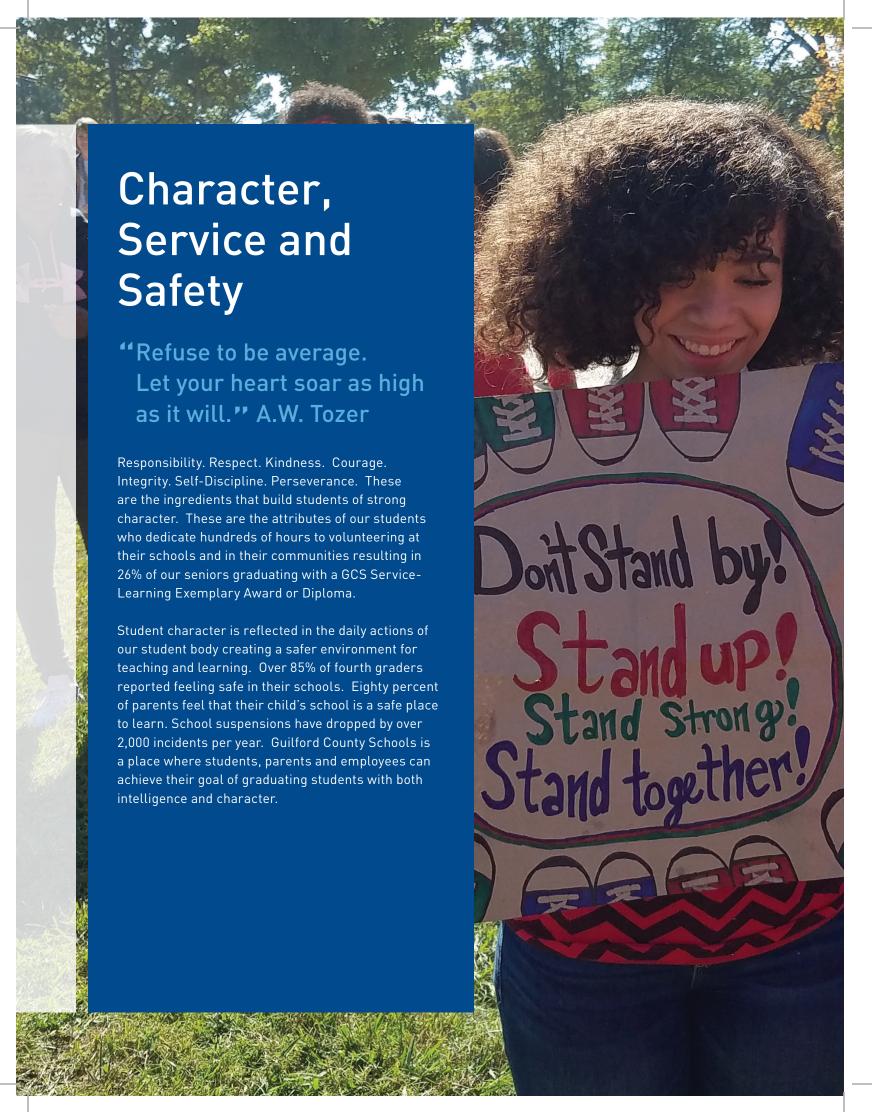
.G	Increase the percentage of middle school Race to the Top-District grant application	. [2013-14 is	baseline.]	sun-groups who	are on-track for	grauuation as deiir	ieu III GUS
	All Students	57.2%	45.29%	44.25%	43.56%	44.22%	•
	Asian Students	65.8%	55.24%	55.87%	54.50%	56.86%	•
	African-American Students	44.9%	29.33%	27.78%	28.00%	28.54%	•
	American Indian Students	50.1%	40.23%	35.00%	35.44%	25.00%	•
	Hispanic Students	50.2%	35.62%	34.96%	32.73%	35.39%	•
	Multi-Racial Students	57.1%	48.30%	45.66%	42.27%	41.43%	•
	White Students	71.7%	65.72%	61.14%	63.49%	64.17%	•
I.H	Increase the mean ACT composite score as measured by the state ACT administration during the 11th grade year from 18.0 to 20.0.	20.0	18.4	18.7	18.9	18.8	•
l.I	Increase the percentage of graduating seniors who meet the minimum entrance requirements for the University of North Carolina system.	69.2%	56.0%	57.2%	61.5%	60.9%	•
l.J	See Footnote #3						
l.K	Reduce gaps and disparities in performar	nce between	targeted subgro	ups on identified	measures. [201	3-14 is baseline.]	
	Reading 3-8 GLP Proficiency Gap: AA/W	-24.8		-36.2	-35.5	-35.5	•
	Math 3-8 GLP Proficiency Gap: AA/W	-26.0		-37.3	-36.9	-36.8	•
	EOC Composite GLP Proficiency Gap:	-24.9		-35.2	-30.3	-36.1	•

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#### **FOOTNOTES**

- 1 GLP Proficiency (Grade-Level Proficiency) scores for 2013-14 and 2014-15 are based on Levels 3-5 on the new 5-level scale.
- 2 CCR Proficiency (College-and-Career-Ready Proficiency) scores for 2013-14 and 2014-15 are based on Levels 4 and 5 on the new 5-level scale.
- 3 Given the 12-2-2014 Guilford County Board of Education resolution requesting that the NC General Assembly repeal the legislation establishing School Performance Grades, the strategic goal I.J about improving performance grades has been removed from the strategic plan.



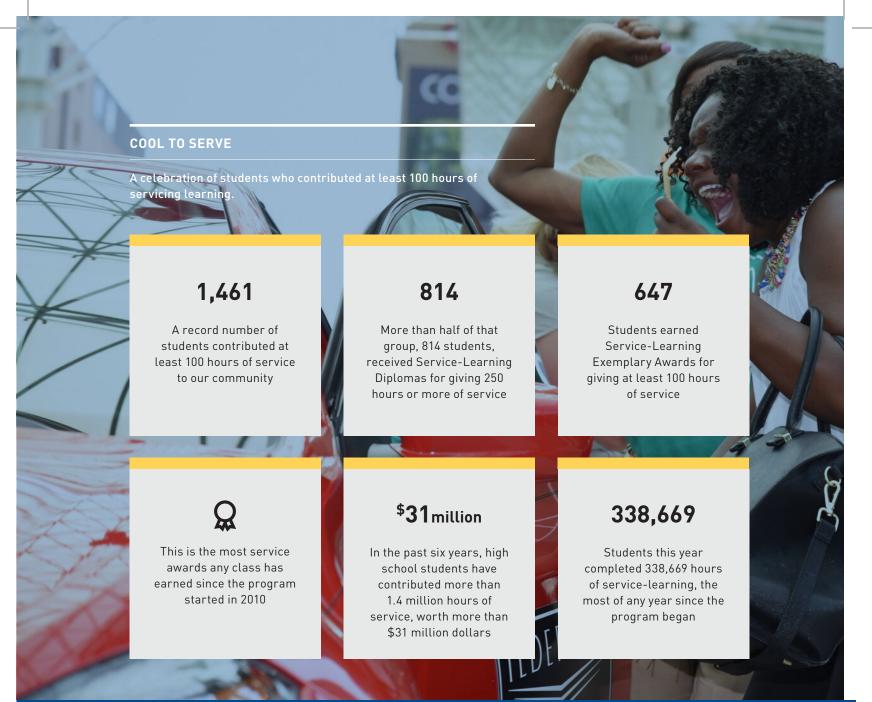


### Students and Staff Making a Difference



- The GCS Character Development **Team** led the district in a year-long service-learning experience to address food insecurity across the community. As a result, schools collected more than 17,000 pounds of canned goods and opened four new school food pantries across the district. Additionally, in June of 2016. Guilford County went from number 1 in the nation for food insecurity to number 9.
- 100 percent of the 57 ACES programs provided opportunities for students to make a difference in their community through quality service-learning experiences
- The ACES Program received the Character.org Promising Practices Recognition for providing the College and Career Exploration Guest Reader Experience in all 57 ACES programs. ACES leaders presented the characterdevelopment components of this experience at the organization's national conference.

- 6 high schools completed the 2015-16 school year ejection free in all sports (Smith, Eastern, Grimsley, Northeast, Southern and Southwest)
- 1,461 seniors received servicelearning recognition, which is equivalent to 26% of the graduating class, exceeding the 2016 Strategic Plan Goal.
- · GCS increased the number of State and National Schools of Character. New State Schools of Character include Haynes-Inman Education Center, Oak Hill Elementary and Southeast High. Three additional schools received Honorable Mention recognition and three schools, Brooks Global Education Center, Oak Hill Elementary and Southeast High went on to be recognized as National Schools of Character by Character.org. To date, GCS has 10 State Schools of Character and seven National Schools of Character.
- Increased the number of GCS school programs recognized for innovative character education practices by Character.org. To date, GCS has 65 Promising Practice
- The GCS Homeless Education Office hosted its 7th Annual Jump Start Summer Academic Program for students experiencing housing instability. This camp focused on STEM-related learning activities with engaging field lessons and other healthy living learning experiences. High school students also used this as a leadership opportunity by serving as junior counselors. This year, 130 students attended, marking the highest attendance total to date. GCS serves approximately 2,640 homeless students.



## YEAR OF GIVING

#### **FEBRUARY**

GCS schools celebrated National Random Acts of Kindness week by hosting food drives for Backpack Beginnings. Schools collected more than 9,000 lbs. of food to start new food pantries at two GCS schools.

#### **APRIL**

Middle College at GTCC-Greensboro students filled and donated "snackpacks" to elementary school pantries to help combat food insecurity during the summer months.

#### **JANUARY**

EP Pearce Elementary students celebrated their successful fundraising campaign for the United Way. The school has raised more than \$10,000 for the United Way for the past three years, winning the organization's Spirit of North Carolina Award.

#### **MARCH**

Archer Elementary fifth-graders combined science and service when they cleaned up the stream near their school alongside students from UNC-Greensboro. Afterwards, students wrote a bio-essay to estimate the health of the stream.

#### MAY

DaJonae Stanback, a 5th grade student at Vandalia Elementary, used her birthday to raise money and host a "Thanksgiving 2.0" event to help feed the local homeless population.

#### **SAFETY IS A PRIORITY**

The School Safety Office is committed to providing safe schools for our students, parents and employees on a daily basis. We continue to monitor and assess opportunities for improvement. We also provide professional development training to ensure that in an emergency, staff are prepared to respond. We are committed to strengthening our partnership with our local law enforcement personnel and emergency responders, allowing for quick responses, coordinated efforts and enhanced communications.

- 100% installation of "Panic Alarms" at traditional schools
- 100% Safe School Plans received and reviewed
- 100% GCS schematic diagrams submitted to the North Carolina Emergency Management for future vetting with our local emergency responders
- Ensured professional development for principals, assistant principals and SROs (School Resource Officers) - Parent Student Reunification/ Critical Incident Training was conducted
- Coordinated Executive level ICS (Incident Command System) training for Cabinet personnel
- Coordinated and facilitated a countywide GCS administrators and emergency responders' joint symposium. Members from the Riverview Garden School District in Ferguson, MO and Saint Louis University, disclosed lessons learned involving the civil unrest there.
- Coordinated and facilitated the 2016 annual joint SRO and Administrator luncheon. The theme for the symposium was "Creating a Common Vision for K-12 Security."
- Streamlined the 2016-17 Crisis Management and Emergency Handbook to mitigate, prepare for and respond to a critical event

#### **ALL STUDENTS CAN SUCCEED**

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a three-tiered process of providing instruction and support to promote the behavioral success of all students. This organization helps schools get the right supports to the right students and ensures that all students are supported.

In **Tier I**, all students are explicitly taught positive behavioral expectations organized under the district's identified character traits and all teachers use a consistent approach to discipline. In Tier II, the school provides supplemental behavioral skill interventions usually in small groups to students who need it. In **Tier III**. student centered planning is used to develop customized interventions with frequent progress monitoring. There are 43 elementary schools, 11 middle schools and 2 high schools implementing supports in a tiered process.

#### JUNE

Allen Middle students spent the end of the year creating and giving soft pillows to residents of Woodland Place, an assisted living facility. The students continued the project into the summer break.

#### **AUGUST**

GCS expanded its service-learning initiative into middle schools this year. Supported by local Rotary Clubs, four pilot schools are engaging in lessons designed to develop skills that support classroom instruction and servicelearning experiences.

#### OCTOBER

Northern High's freshman class volunteered for 10 service-learning projects around the community including, Kathleen Clay Library, Camp Carefree, Out of the Garden, Peacehaven Farms, McNair Elementary, Northern Elementary and more.

#### **DECEMBER**

Health Science students at Page High collected and wrapped bears for patients in Cone Health's pediatric emergency department.

During the summer of 2016, 175 GCS leaders partnered with 14 community agencies through 70 service-learning experiences to increase community access to healthy nutritious meals. GCS leaders contributed over 700 hours of service which equates to \$15,029 of an economic impact. Since 2012, GCS has served over 3,687 hours of totaling an economic impact of \$83,939.

#### SEPTEMBER

GCS schools celebrated World Character Day with a variety of events recognizing the importance of developing character strengths such as resilience, kindness, grit, courage and integrity.

#### NOVEMBER

Shadybrook Elementary students collected hundreds of socks to donate to Open Door Ministries and as part of a care package for local shelters.

## Operational and Organizational Goals

#### STRATEGIC PLAN 2016 GOAL TRACKING

Opera	ational and Organizational Area	Target Goal	Baseline 2011-12	Performance 2012-13	Performance 2013-14	Performance 2014-15	Performance 2015-16	Status as of 11/1/2016				
Chara	acter, Service and Safety											
II.A	Increase the percentage of graduating seniors who earn a Service-Learning Exemplary Award or Diploma from 16 to 25 percent.	25.0%	16.0%	15.1%	17.9%	21.4%	26.0%	•				
II.C	Increase student perception of safet	Increase student perception of safety in grades 4, 7, 9 and 11 as measured by annual student surveys.										
	Grade 4	70.0%	65.0%	60.0%	83.7%	86.7%	85.90%	•				
	Grades 7, 9, & 11	83.0%	78.0%	74.0%	77.9%	78.7%	79.20%	•				
II.D	Increase the percentage of students in grades 7, 9 and 11 who indicate their schools provide a caring and safe environment as measured by an annual student survey.	85.0%	81.0%	80.0%	78.2%	78.9%	79.0%	•				
II.E	Increase the percentage of parents and community members who indicate that GCS schools are safe as measured by an annual public opinion poll.											
	Parents	78.0%	75.0%	76.0%	83.0%	81.0%	80.0%	•				
	Community Members	69.0%	64.0%	67.0%	70.0%	66.0%	66.0%	•				
II.F	Decrease the number of out-of- school suspensions related to non-compliance (Rule No. 6) and discourteous acts (Rule No. 8) in the Student Code of Conduct by 10 percent as measured by the annual suspension report.	3,792	4,213	3,430	No reliable data due to PowerSchool issues	1,659	2,217	•				
II.G	Decrease the number of overall out-of-school suspensions by 10 percent.	9,014	10,015	9,180	No reliable data due to PowerSchool issues	6,585	7,776	•				

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# Parents, Family and Community

"Believe in people, they fly for a day. Teach them to believe in themselves, they soar for a lifetime." A.D. Posey

Parents choose Guilford County Schools for the array of excellent school choices, academic programs and highly qualified teachers. Parents stay with Guilford County Schools because of the close partnerships we build with our families. Guilford Parent Academy engages our parents, families and community through workshops, special events, free online resources, conferences and more. This year, more than 36,000 family members participated in a Guilford Parent Academy experience.

Family and other community members engage in partnerships in other ways. Almost a half-million hours were logged by our community volunteers this year! Guest readers, tutors, field trip coordinators and classroom assistants all partner to support the success of our students. Local businesses, foundations and individual donors added to this support by pledging more than \$470,000 in charitable and in-kind donations directly to the district.

Additionally, significant donations were made to the Say Yes to Education initiative to ensure that all eligable graduating seniors receive last-dollar tuition scholarships to attend college. Our parents, families and community partner with our schools to help all students soar to greatness.

#GCSSoarToGreatness



# Keeping Parents and the Community Informed & Engaged

Guilford Parent Academy (GPA) provides information and training on a variety of topics for parents, grandparents and family members caring for children and young people in Guilford County Schools. GPA also offers free 24-hour online tutoring for students and for moms and dads who need an academic refresher.

In its fifth year, GPA is designed to help parents help their children succeed at school and in life. GPA is leading the way for parent engagement and people are taking note on a local, state and national level. To date, when accounting for all programs and events completed since the start of GPA, participation totals exceed 120,000.

GPA has free online resources, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

#### PRICELESS VALUE & COMMITMENT

In 2015-16, more than 12,000 volunteers donated their time and talent to build confidence and character in our students, providing a growth experience for schools and students. Those volunteers contributed a total of 473,526 hours of service. Their time is priceless, and at the national value of an hour of volunteer time, their service totals \$11,156,272.56.

#### **GPA Testimonials**

"The GPA Grassroots Parent Coordinator program has revolutionized my involvement and interaction with my child's school. Over the past year, I have learned so much about how to partner with my child's school to help ensure her success. More importantly, I've been privileged to share the information I've learned with other parents as well." Natasha Pace, Grassroots Parent Coordinator

"Hundreds of Latino families of St. Mary's Church are very grateful for GPA in offering the Parent Academy on the Go. Many of these families have work schedules that do not allow them time to attend GCS educational sessions during the work week. By offering it on a Sunday evening and in Spanish, their children now have a level playing field with their curriculum studies." Angel Guerrero, Male Involvement Chair for the Guilford County Council of PTAs

#### **VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH** FOR 2016

January 2016

Hunter Haith, Washington Montessori

February 2016

Israilita Jones, Madison Elementary

March 2016

Sandra Schultz, Newcomers School

April 2016

Shirrell Williams, Aycock Middle

May 2016

Ricky Morton, Various Schools

June 201/

Travis Helms, Southeast High

October 2016

Michelle Ball, Claxton Elementary

November 2016

Tracie Peeples, Sedalia Elementary

December 2016

Kent Birge, The Middle College at UNCG

#### Opinion Poll

#### PARENT TRENDS

GCS Strategic Plan Measures	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
GCS keeps me informed (% agree, strongly agree)	74%	75%	80%	83%	85%	90%	87%	88%
GCS schools are safe (% agree, strongly agree)	69%	68%	78%	75%	76%	83%	81%	80%
GCS is responsive to requests (% agree, strongly agree)	67%	64%	66%	72%	75%	82%	79%	80%
GCS is doing a good job using taxpayer money to educate children (% agree, strongly agree)	49%	50%	53%	63%	67%	67%	69%	69%
Quality of education (good, very good)	80%	81%	82%	82%	81%	86%	84%	82%

#### **COMMUNITY TRENDS**

GCS Strategic Plan Measures	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
GCS keeps me informed (% agree, strongly agree)	61%	62%	55%	75%	67%	72%	74%	69%
GCS schools are safe (% agree, strongly agree)	49%	59%	52%	64%	67%	70%	66%	66%
GCS is responsive to requests (% agree, strongly agree)	51%	52%	47%	64%	64%	64%	71%	65%
GCS is doing a good job using taxpayer money to educate children (% agree, strongly agree)	43%	40%	40%	48%	58%	58%	55%	54%
Quality of education (good, very good)	62%	68%	67%	75%	67%	68%	69%	71%



# Changing Lives Through Partnerships



WFMY Team renovates Media Center at Sedgefield Elementary

Since 2012, WFMY News 2 has partnered with GCS to inspire elementary students with a love of reading through Read 2 Succeed, a high-energy weekly program that has reached nearly 65,000 young students in Guilford and surrounding counties. WFMY morning show personalities present an interactive show at schools that connects literacy to the real world and strengthens the message that reading should be a daily habit at every age.

In addition, WFMY renovates a GCS media center each year for its Make A Difference Day project. For the fifth year of this event, WFMY staff members spent the day at Sedgefield Elementary, where they cleaned and painted, organized and shelved books and even landscaped around the building.

Under a \$888,116 grant for a principal preparation program, Guilford County Schools partnered with High Point University to begin offering a Principal Leadership Academy to prepare principals to be transformational leaders.

Guilford County Schools is fortunate to have supportive faith leaders and houses of worship as partners. The Faith Partnership Initiative galvanizes the faith community and invites them to work with the district to eliminate barriers in the lives of students. The work we collectively do to nurture, teach and support our children will prepare them to wholly contribute to society as informed, capable citizens, no matter their background, ethnicity or socioeconomic status. The work has included adopting schools, providing books, reading buddies and donating items for food pantries.

"Turn around the 'm' in me to make a 'w' and it's we. We have to do the work and be on the frontline. The superintendent is our quarterback and calls the plays."

Rabbi Fred Guttman, Temple Emanuel and Community Partner

GCS is proud to work alongside Say Yes to Education Guilford to provide new opportunities for students. In 2016, more than 4,000 GCS graduates were eligible for last-dollar tuition scholarships through Say Yes. In 2017, GCS and Say Yes will move to the next phase of the program by launching a post-secondary planning system in 12 GCS schools. The system is designed to match students with services that can help them be successful in their journey from classroom to college, career and life.



#### Operational and **Organizational Goals**

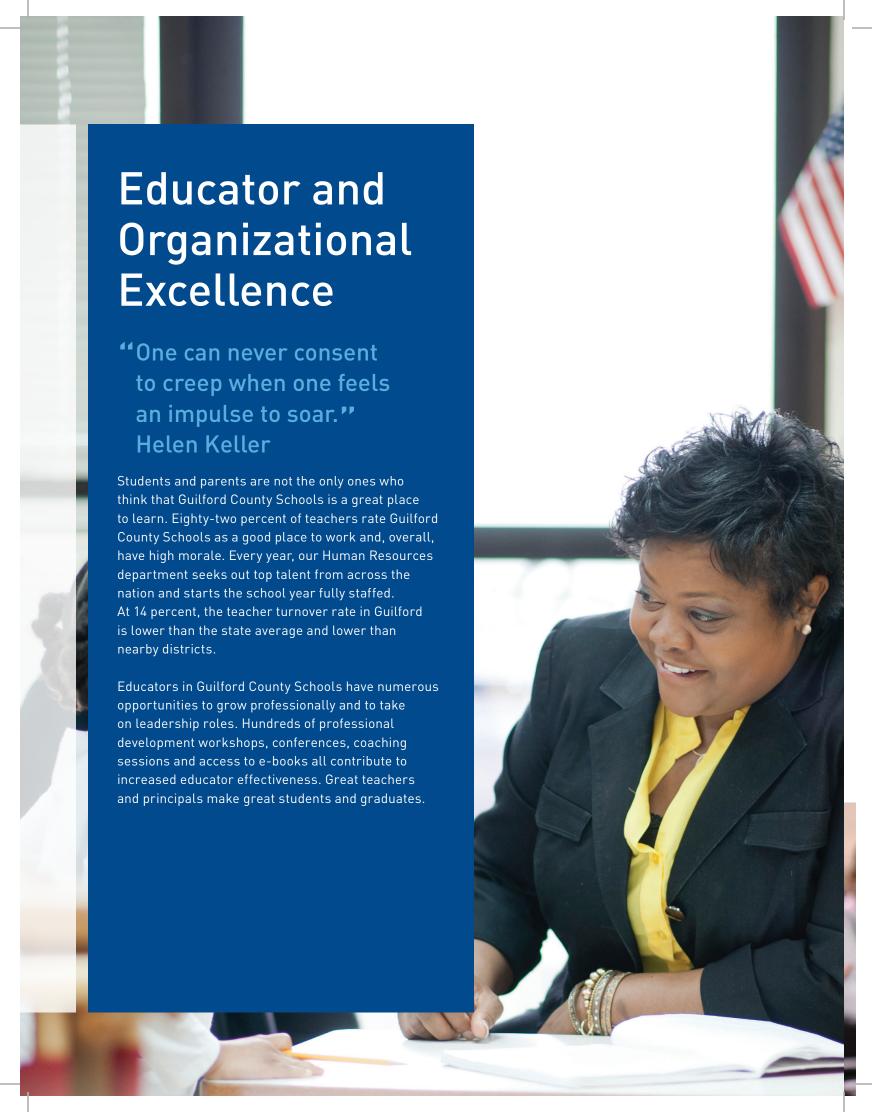
#### STRATEGIC PLAN 2016 GOAL TRACKING

Opera	ational and Organizational Area	Target Goal	Baseline 2011-12	Performance 2012-13	Performance 2013-14	Performance 2014-15	Performance 2015-16	Status as of 11/1/2016				
III.A	Increase parent awareness of, and participation in, Guilford Parent Academy (GPA) programs (workshops, special events, conferences).											
	Awareness	70.0%	63.0%	72.0%	75.0%	66.0%	70.0%	•				
	Participation	15,000	13,508	13,570	22,353	38,254	36,524	•				
III.B	Increase use of GPA digital resources (online). [# user accounts]	10,000	3,302	5,843	7,817	10,013	12,207	•				
III.C	Increase the number of volunteers a	ctive in GC	S as well as	the hours of ser	vice provided.							
	# Volunteers (*changed reporting system)	12,000	15,765	21,918	11,100*	17,160	12,019	•				
	# Service Hours Provided	415,000	410,513	476,069	526,691	558,138	473,526	•				
III.D	Increase the amount of charitable/in-kind donations received annually by GCS. (*Fund development focus shifted to support local Say Yes to Education initiative during 2015-2016.)	\$2 M	\$1.6 M	\$4.0 M	\$3.3 M	\$37.5 M*	\$470,319	•				
III.E	Increase the percentage of GCS parents and community members who indicate that GCS keeps them informed (% of agree/strongly ratings.)											
	Parents	86.0%	83.0%	85.0%	90.0%	87.0%	88.0%	•				
	Community Members	78.0%	75.0%	67.0%	72.0%	74.0%	69.0%	•				
III.F	Improve the perception of GCS among parents and community members regarding the quality of education provided by GCS as measured by an annual public opinion poll. (% of good/very good ratings)											
	Parents	85.0%	82.0%	81.0%	86.0%	84.0%	82.0%	•				
	Community Members	78.0%	75.0%	67.0%	68.0%	69.0%	71.0%	•				
III.G	Improve parent and community perc very good ratings)	eption reg	arding GCS re	esponsiveness a	s measured by	an annual publi	c opinion poll. (	% of good/				
	Parents	75.0%	72.0%	75.0%	82.0%	79.0%	80.0%	•				
	Community Members	65.0%	64.0%	64.0%	64.0%	71.0%	65.0%	•				

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#### **FOOTNOTES**

Re. III.C: The previous volunteer database did not require volunteers to re-register each year, so the numbers reflected cumulative volunteers over time not current, active volunteers. The new volunteer database requires volunteers to register each year, so the new number reflects current, active volunteers. Target goal was changed from 16,000 to 12,000 active volunteers.



#### **Professional Development**

1,106

Professional Development (PD) sessions offered as of December 2016 27,611

Registrants for PD sessions

187

Literacy specific sessions

4,926

Continuing Education Units (CEU) awarded

Induction and Success - Building the Capacity of New Teachers

342

Attended Orientation Training 191

Attended Mentor Training 100%

of classroom teacher vacancies filled by Day 1 of school for eight years in a row.

2,374

**Elementary School Teachers** 

1,179
Secondary Teachers

1,243

Other Classroom Teachers

1,138

Teacher Assistants

342

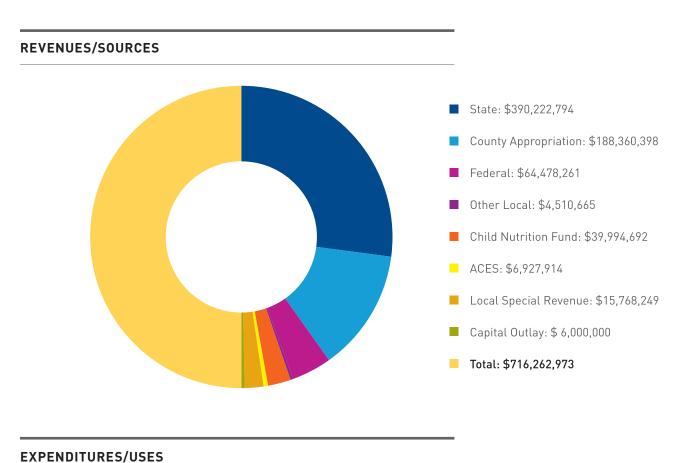
New teachers trained in the summer of 2016 through GCS Induction and Success

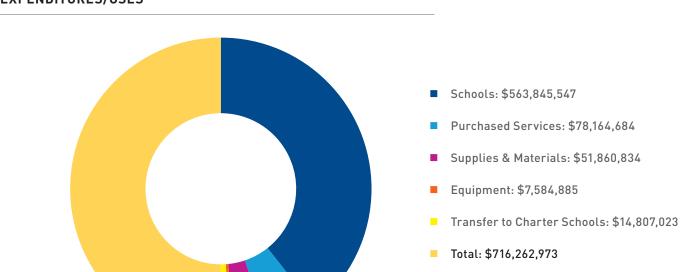
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## 2016-17 Budget

#### **Counting Every Dollar**





# 2016 Construction Update

Construction Contracts

\$362,515,457

Design Contracts

\$25,243,074

Total

\$387,758,531



#### 2016 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS COMPLETED:

Dudley High School – Traffic Improvements
Northwood Elementary School – Kitchen Expansion
Northwest High School – Traffic Improvements
Allen Jay Middle School – Roof Replacement
Southeast High School – Roof Replacement
Southeast High School – Tennis Courts

#### 2016 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

Bluford Elementary School - Renovations & Additions
High Point Central High School - Renovations & Additions
Hunter Elementary School - Replacement School
Smith High School - Physical Education Improvements
Western High School - Physical Education Improvements
Guilford Middle School - Replacement School
Southern Guilford High School - Replacement Stadium/Restroom/
Concession Building

## Operational and Organizational Goals

#### STRATEGIC PLAN 2016 GOAL TRACKING

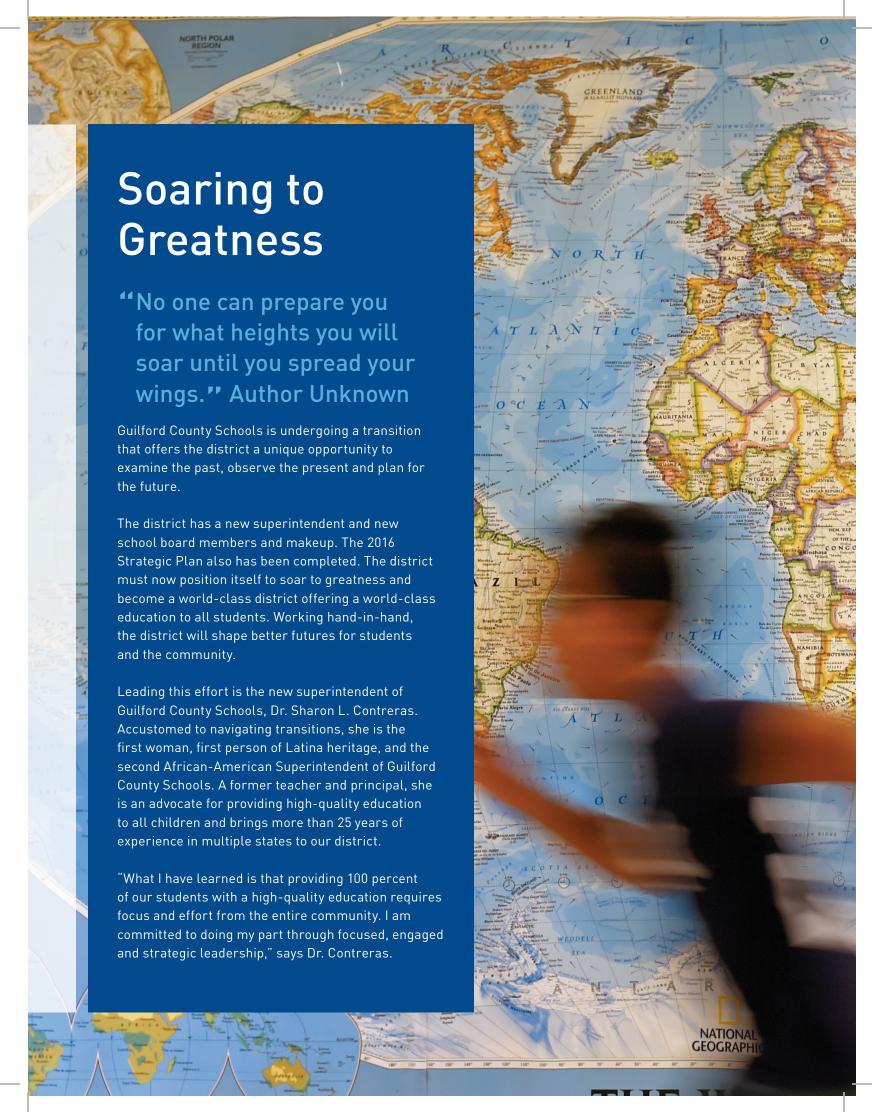
Opera	ational and Organizational Area	Target Goal	Baseline 2011-12	Performance 2012-13	Performance 2013-14	Performance 2014-15	Performance 2015-16	Status as of 11/1/2016				
Educa	ator and Organizational Excellence							•				
IV.A	Improve employee satisfaction levels with communications from their direct supervisors/ principals.	75%				74.4%	82.0%	•				
IV.B	Increase employee satisfaction levels with GCS as an employer; improve employee morale.											
	Biennial Employee Survey: Preferred place to work	85.0%	80.5%	81.0%	N/A	78.1%	N/A*	•				
	Biennial Employee Survey: Have high morale	82.0%	78.5%	79.0%	N/A	78.5%	N/A*	•				
	Biennial Teacher Working Conditions (TWC): Good place to work	85.4%	81.3%		81.3%		82.5%	•				
IV.C	Reduce the annual teacher turnover rate as measured/ reported by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI).	9.0%	11.7%	12.9%	13.2%	15.0%	14.0%	•				
IV.D	Reduce the annual certified personnel turnover rate in hard-to-staff schools as measured/reported by NCDPI. [Note: This includes turn-around schools.]	15.0%	19.0%	18.5%	19.0%	20.3%	N/A*	•				
IV.E	Fill 100 percent of teacher positions by the first day of school each year.	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	•				
IV.F	Increase teacher and leader diversity.											
	Teacher Diversity	35.0%	30.2%	30.6%	31.5%	33.2%	35.0%	•				
	Leader Diversity	47.0%	42.0%	44.7%	48.2%	50.7%	21.0%	•				
IV.G	Increase Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) participation.											
	MWBE 2008 Bond Construction	12.5%	28.6%	30.2%	30.1%	29.5%	29.3%	•				
	MWBE 2012 QSCB Projects	12.5%	26.2%	19.3%	19.3%	19.5%	19.5%	•				
IV.H	Meet or exceed key performance indicators for all operational and support areas.		See selected CGCS KPI measures for operational areas.									

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#### **FOOTNOTES**

Re. IV.B: The Annual Employee Survey was not administered during the spring of 2014 due to the administration of the Teacher Working Conditions survey. The Survey was administered again in Spring 2015. \* Survey will be administered Spring 2017.

Re. IV.D: This metric was calculated for teaching positions in Mission Possible Schools. This program is no longer operational.

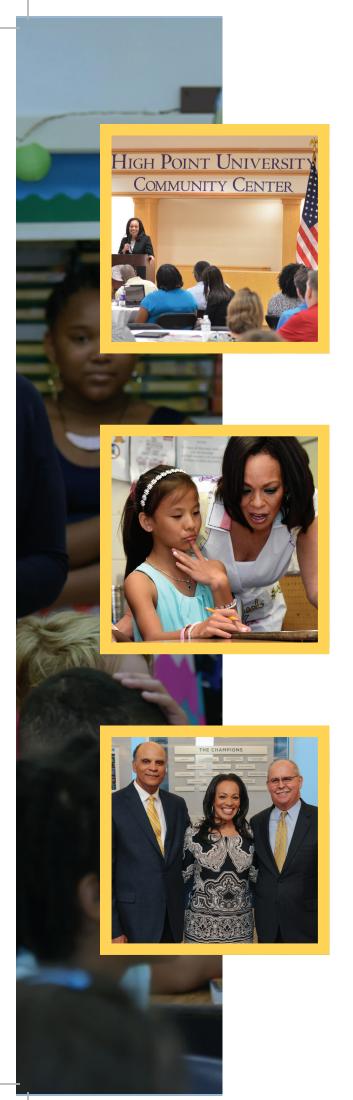




"Our children's futures are full of promise, and it is our job to educate and prepare them to be ushered into the world, fully equipped to contribute their strengths and talents in ways that are authentic, meaningful, and profoundly fulfilling. We can do this by emphasizing the infinite possibilities available to them, and providing them with the resources and support to pursue those possibilities. Our children need us to be "all in."

Together, we can soar to greatness."

Sharon L. Contreras, Ph.D. Superintendent



#### SUPERINTENDENT LAUNCHES LISTEN AND LEARN TOUR

The Listen and Learn Tour was the First Initiative Launched by the **Superintendent.** The tour was designed to give students, parents, staff and the community an opportunity to share with the superintendent those things they thought worked and didn't work. Attendees also were able to give the superintendent advice in leading a district with 71,000 plus students and more than 10,000 employees.

Dr. Contreras and members of the Board of Education hosted 11 sessions and the superintendent has attended numerous community events, listening and learning from thousands as they shared their likes, concerns, hopes and dreams.

Feedback from the sessions were recorded and will be used to develop the district's 2020 strategic plan. Results from the online survey will be released in January 2017 and will also be used to develop the plan.

#### SCHOOL VISITS ARE A PRIORITY FOR SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent Plans to Visit All 127 Schools. For the past 25 years, she has been either a teacher, principal, chief academic officer, interim superintendent or superintendent, so she knows first hand the hard work of educating our children. The school visits allow her to see and better understand the quality of our education, ask questions and encourage students to do and be their very best.

As of December 2016. Dr. Contreras visited 67 schools. She started her journey in GCS on August 22, 2016.

#### TRANSITION TEAM

Transition Team Works to Identify GCS' Strengths and Opportunities for Improvement. Dr. Contreras has enlisted the support of local educators, parents, business leaders, community members and national experts to form the Transition Team. Under the leadership of cochairs, Dr. Harold L. Martin Sr., Chancellor of North Carolina A&T State University and Dr. James Merrill, Superintendent of Wake County Public School System, the team will make recommendations for sustaining and building on the district's strengths while addressing challenges and leveraging opportunities for higher levels of performance.

The Transition Team consists of four subcommittees: Student Achievement; School Choice, Equity & Excellence; Talent Development; and Organizational Effectiveness for Optimal Learning.

Recommendations from the Transition Team will help shape priorities for GCS' 2020 Strategic Plan.





#### SUPERINTENDENT THANKS **OUTGOING BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Guilford County Schools appreciates the great work, sacrifice and support that the outgoing board members demonstrated.

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#### **GCS WELCOMES INCOMING BOARD**

Guilford County Schools looks forward to working closely with the board to improve the lives of students and shape a better future for the community.



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