

# GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Have You "Herd"?



## Greetings from Our New Superintendent



GCSS Superintendent - Dr. Jeremy Williams

Welcome to Gainesville City School System, home of the Red Elephants and one of the first Charter Districts in Georgia. We are eager to partner with you as we build ONE GAINESVILLE in the schools and the community. Through collaboration and teamwork, endless possibilities exist for our students.

Our District Strategic Improvement Plan guides the services we provide our students and positively impacts performance at all grade levels.

1. Student-Focused, High Performing Organization
2. High Quality Instruction with Equity of Access for All Students
3. People with a Shared Purpose and Collaborative Culture

These goals serve as the foundation for comprehensive services while tailoring programs to best serve each child's needs. Serving each child allows us the opportunity to showcase our diversity, relationships, and accomplishments. We are proud of the accomplishments of all of our students, and you will find them through various social media outlets, including Facebook, Twitter, and program-specific websites. Our communication with each other and focused involvement benefits ONE GAINESVILLE, and its strength has no limits.



**GAINESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS**

A Georgia Charter System

Jeremy Williams, Ed.D.  
**Superintendent**

### **Board Members**

Brett Mercer, Chair  
John Filson, Vice Chair  
Delores Diaz  
Willie Mitchell  
Sammy Smith

### **Important Dates**

July 17

Board Meeting

July 24

New Teachers Report

July 27

190 Day Staff Report  
Pre-planning

ONE GAINESVILLE will only succeed when every student has multiple advocates and every stakeholder actively pursues excellence for students in every facet. Each student has a right to reach their maximum potential, and it is our responsibility to cultivate opportunities that inspire, nurture, challenge, and prepare them for their future. It takes a team to develop the potential of our young people, and you are important to their future.

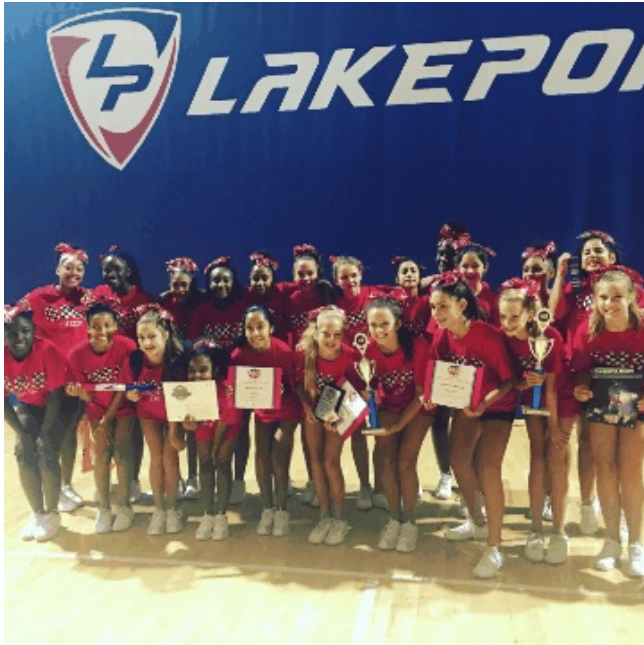
I thank you for your commitment to the Red Elephant family, and I encourage you to add value into the lives of our students and those around you.

Sincerely,

Jeremy H. Williams, Ed.D.

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## GMS Cheers For A V-I-C-T-O-R-Y



GMS Cheerleading Squad participates in NCA Camp

The Gainesville Middle School cheerleading squad traveled to Emerson, Georgia recently to participate in the National Cheerleaders Association's summer camp. During the camp, the squad competed in two separate competitions in the middle school and Junior Varsity divisions. The cheerleaders won first place in both the Champion Chant competition as well as the Performance Top Team competition. They also earned additional awards which included a Technical Excellence award and a Stunt Safe award. Other accomplishments included winning the coveted spirit stick, earning a bid to compete in NCA's national competition, and being honored as a credentialed squad.

Several individual cheerleaders were also recognized at the camp for their individual achievements. Nine GMS cheerleaders were nominated

July 28

Open House for Middle and High School  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

July 31

Open House for Elementary Schools  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

August 1

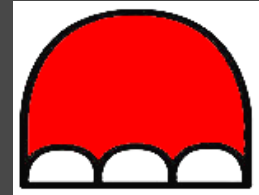
Open House for Enota MI Academy  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

August 2

First Day of School

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## Upcoming Events



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## Points of Pride



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for the All American Cheerleading squad, a very prestigious honor. The nominees were Anna Grace Vlassis, Daniya Osbourne, Amayah Topps, Tre'Shya Martin, Margaret Embry, Gizelle Rivera, McKenna Shaw, Alexis Rucker, and Syderia Buffington. Margaret Embry, a rising 8th grader, was also selected to receive a "Pin it Forward" award as well as the camp's Leadership Award given only to one cheerleader from the entire camp!

The Gainesville Middle School cheerleaders worked extremely hard this summer and represented our school district well. We are very proud of these young ladies for their remarkable accomplishments.



## Check Out Our Students Enjoying Our GCSS Summer Meal Program



## Alumni News



[125th Anniversary Slideshow](#)

[Class of 2017 Achievements](#)

[Class of 2017 College Acceptances](#)

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### Vision

Our students will think critically, act compassionately, work meaningfully, choose wisely, and live joyfully.

### Mission

As *ONE GAINESVILLE*, we will *INSPIRE, NURTURE, CHALLENGE & PREPARE* our students

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### Our Schools

Gainesville High

Gainesville Middle

Centennial Arts Academy

Enota MI Academy

Fair Street International Academy

Gainesville Exploration Academy

New Holland



## Class of 1952 Celebrates 65th Reunion



Class of 1952 (photo courtesy of Dan Clark)

The GHS Class of 1952 reunited this summer under the leadership of class president Jim Waldrep. This class attended GHS at the "Gym of '36" building on Washington Street and was the first class to attend school for twelve years, a change mandated by the Georgia General Assembly adding a twelfth grade to all public high schools. At the reunion, the class voted its "Most Favorite Teacher" as Leon Hughes, who taught English at GHS then became the founding principal at Enota Elementary School.

"Although members have lived in many locations over the U.S., through the years we have kept in touch thanks mostly to the efforts of class president, Jim Waldrep, who has maintained contact and spearheaded regular reunions through the years," said classmate Dan Clark. "Our 65th reunion was a special evening of remembering other classmates, funny stories, and fond memories."

The Class of 1952 had a wonderful time reminiscing about the past, and the classmates look forward to meeting again at their next reunion to talk about the "good times" shared by all who attended their beloved GHS.

## Proof of Residency Requirements



Beginning July 17th, all students attending the Gainesville City School

System will be required to provide two updated proofs of residency to the school that they attend.

Acceptable proofs of residency include one of the following:

- non-contingent sales contract
- current lease/rental agreement
- most recent income tax return or IRS Form 1099
- current paycheck stub
- current warranty or quit claim deed
- current home purchase agreement
- current homeowner's insurance policy

Additionally, one of the following must be provided:

- current gas bill (within last 30 days)
- current water bill (within last 30 days)
- current electric bill (within last 30 days)
- current cable/internet bill (with service address within last 30 days)
- Students who are non-residents will be required to submit one proof of residency from the list in order to verify mailing address for the school.

Students who do not present valid proofs of residency by September 1st will be withdrawn as of that date.

Parents and guardians should contact their child's school for any questions concerning this process.

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## **Gainesville City Board Work Session July 5, 2017**

The Gainesville City Board of Education Work Session was held on Wednesday, July 5th at the School Board Office. Board Chair Brett Mercer and board members officially welcomed Dr. Jeremy Williams as the district's Superintendent. The Board reviewed and approved the agenda reports as submitted by district personnel. To view the agenda and reports, please click the links below.

- [Board Agenda](#)
- [Milk Bid](#)
- [Bread Bid](#)
- [Produce Bid](#)
- [Paper Bid](#)
- [Chemical Bid](#)
- [Board Member Future Budget Considerations](#)
- [District Website Update](#)

- [36 Month Copier Bid Recommendation \(& Rubric\)](#)
- [Furniture - New Holland Elementary](#)
- [Walkway Canopy at Centennial/Enota \(Proposal\)](#)
- [Personnel Report](#)

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## Support Our REACH Scholarship Program



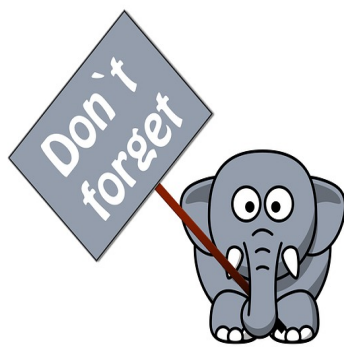
2016 REACH Georgia Scholars

Gainesville City School System encourages the community to support our REACH Georgia Scholars program by making a financial contribution to provide an opportunity for select GCSS students to pursue a college education. REACH Georgia is a needs-based scholarship program that pairs middle school students (Scholars) with mentors, coaches and additional resources to prepare them for college and careers. REACH Scholars who successfully complete the program and graduate from high school earn a \$10,000 scholarship paid over four years at a Georgia college or technical college of their choice. 100% of all donations collected will contribute toward REACH scholarships. To download a pledge form, please click [here](#). For additional information regarding the REACH program, please click [here](#).

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**Advancing  
A Tradition of Excellence!  
#OneGainesville  
#RoadtoGraduation**

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- **Gainesville City School System - @GCSSK12**
- **Centennial - @GCSS\_CAA**
- **Enota - @enotamiacademy**
- **Fair Street - @GCSS\_FS**
- **Gainesville Exploration - @GCSS\_GEA**
- **New Holland - @GCSS\_NH**
- **Gainesville Middle School - @GCSS\_GMS**
- **Gainesville High School - @GCSS\_GHS**

**GCSS Mobile App**

GCSS is proud to announce its very own mobile app!

GCSS is now live!

Here are some amazing features to look forward to and things you can do with the GCSS app:

**Notifications**  
Make sure you select "Yes" to receive Push Notifications so you can receive all breaking school news. These notifications will be used to provide information on early/late start and school closings.

**Calendar**  
The school wide calendar of events and athletic events at the tip of your finger! Add the events that you are interested in to your native phone calendar so you never miss them!

Download the GCSS Mobile App through **App Store**, **Google Play**, or **Window Store** to access the latest information while on the go! Features such as Calendar of Events, Directions, Faculty and Staff Directory, Emergency and District Alerts, Helpful Links, and Current News can be accessed through our mobile application. **"Go Mobile"** with GCSS!

