



2025

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2025 PAULDING COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

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Safety & Security



Advocate for dedicated line-item funding for an armed P.O.S.T. certified school safety professional at every PCSD school.



Promote increased and dedicated funding for student mental health programs, school counselors, social workers, and other mental health professionals at PCSD.



Support programs and line-item funding for PCSD safety initiatives, including cybersecurity and cyber safety initiatives to protect our students and staff.



Explore changes to state law that bolster the efficient and safe transfer of students from other school districts to PCSD.

Financial Sustainability



Require fiscal notes for education-related legislation that impacts PCSD funding and oppose unfunded mandates and/or indirect obligations.



Champion legislation that would provide funding for capital improvements for large, fast-growing, low wealth school districts like PCSD.



Support efforts to modernize the Quality Basic Education (QBE) Act, including support services and socioeconomic adjustments, to more accurately reflect the cost of public education and the limited availability of local funding in Paulding County, and advocate for the full, inflation-adjusted funding of the formula. Additionally, oppose Equalization Grant changes that would negatively impact PCSD funding.



Fully fund changes to the state literacy initiatives including literacy coaching and teacher stipends for mandatory professional learning outside of the school day.

Strengthening the Teacher Workforce



Support programs, funding, and incentives, including the protection of the Teachers Retirement System (TRS), to strengthen the teacher pipeline at PCSD. This includes flexibility for return-to-work programs, as well as efforts to recruit, train, mentor, and retain quality educators.



When addressing the teacher pipeline, also advocate for and support programs, funding, and incentives for support services at PCSD, including classified employees.

Please note: Paulding County School District is one of the largest, fastest-growing and low-wealth school districts in Georgia, highly dependent on and vulnerable to legislative changes, including changes in State funding.

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PCSD AT A GLANCE 2024-2025



**31,518**
STUDENTS

**34**
SCHOOLS

+ 3,317 STUDENTS IN PAST 10 YEARS



11th Largest and
8th Fastest Growing
School District in Georgia

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Academies

Academy of Science, Research & Medicine | PCHS
Academy of Computer Science | HHS
Academy of Engineering & Technology | SPHS
Paulding College & Career Academy
Paulding Virtual Academy

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS				
	Caucasian	Black	Hispanic	Other
2024	46%	32%	14%	8%
2014	65%	21%	8%	6%

90.3% GRADUATION RATE
2,333 Graduates

162 New Classrooms Completed or Under Construction Since 2023




**25,000**
Meals Served
Daily


**23,000**
Bus Miles Driven
Daily


**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**
1,762 Overall Pathway Completers
1,285 Industry Credentials Issued




SAFETY & SECURITY
58 Staff Plus 20 SROs
Crisis Alert System at all schools

**186,255** School Nurse Visits Per Year

**17** Consecutive Audits With Zero Findings

**Aa1 Very High Grade** - Credit Rating

COST PER STUDENT			
<u>Total</u>	10% lower	23% lower	<u>Local</u>
PCSD	\$13,785	\$5,173	PCSD
State Average	\$15,338	\$6,680	State Average



At age **65**
50% Exempt
from School
Property Tax

At age **68**
100% Exempt
from School
Property Tax

COMPARISON TO NEIGHBORING DISTRICTS (Bartow, Cherokee, Cobb, Douglas)

E-SPIST COLLECTIONS		MILLAGE RATE		TAX DIGEST		
	(PER STUDENT)				RESIDENTIAL	OTHER
PCSD	\$0.41	PCSD	17.675	PCSD	86%	14%
Local District Avg.	\$1.00	Local District Avg.	18.393	Local District Avg.	62%	38%

EMPLOYMENT  **4,068** EMPLOYEES

EMPLOYER IN PAULDING COUNTY **LARGEST**

TEACHERS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES **72.7%**