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October 7, 2025

PCSD



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Engage.

Inspire.

Prepare.

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Superintendent's Report

"District News" ...

Recognition of Outstanding Service

The Business Services Department received the Meritorious Budget Award for Excellence in the preparation and issuance of its budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

School Board Receives GSBA Award

The Board of Education received the Exemplary Status Award for 2025 from the Georgia School Boards Association, the sixth consecutive year the BOE has earned Exemplary Status. To earn this distinction, the Paulding Board of Education met and exceeded rigorous criteria established by GSBA. The standards for Exemplary Boards are designed to ensure that local school boards provide outstanding leadership and accountability in service to their communities.

Graduation Rate Class of 2025

The graduation rate for the district reached an all time high of 91.6%. PCSD's 2025 graduation rate increased 1.3 percent, easily topping the 87.2 percent average graduation rate of all school districts in Georgia and surpassing PCSD's previous all-time high graduation rate of 90.8 percent in 2020. [Click here](#) for the press release.

2025 SAT Scores

PCSD's SAT scores for the Class of 2025 climbed 17 points, while state and national results declined. The PCSD Class of 2025 earned an average total score of 1037, a 17-point increase from 1020 in 2024. [Click here](#) for the press release.

Monthly Financial Update

Anna Durham, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Monthly Financial Update for the month of July 2025, providing the Board with an overview of current revenues, expenditures, and budget performance.

Upcoming Board Meeting

The next Board of Education meeting will be a student recognition night on October 21st beginning at 5:30PM.

Communication and Engagement

Naming of Elementary School #20—The recommendation to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to name Elementary School #20 “Crossroads Elementary School”.

Operational and Organizational Excellence

Easement Agreement GreyStone Power—The recommendation to approve the Easement Agreement with GreyStone Power Corporation for the mobile units at the Central Office building was presented for review. The recommendation will be presented for approval at the October 21st meeting.

IFB 24-230918 Asphalt Paving—The recommendation to approve to renew Invitation for Bid (IFB) 24-230918 Asphalt Paving to The Surface Masters, Inc., Marietta, Georgia. This award will be for the period beginning November 2025 through October 2026. This is the second of four one-year renewal terms. The recommendation will be presented for approval at the October 21st meeting.

Modification to School Calendars—The recommendation to approve modifications to the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 School Calendars. The recommendation will be presented for approval at the October 21st meeting.

The purpose of these calendar modifications is to align Fall Break with our largest neighboring school district, Cobb County School District, which was the original intent. At the time our calendars were adopted, Cobb County had not yet approved calendars beyond 2025-2026. Once their calendars were released, it was discovered that their methodology - and therefore the timing of Fall Break - had changed. These changes include:

- Adjust Fall Break in the 2026–2027 School Calendar from September 28 – October 2, 2026 to September 21 – 25, 2026.
- Adjust Fall Break in the 2027–2028 School Calendar from September 27 – October 1, 2027 to September 20 – 24, 2027.
- Adjust Fall Break in the 2028–2029 School Calendar from September 25 – September 29, 2028 to September 18 – 22, 2028.

2026 Legislative Priorities (Draft) - The recommendation to approve Resolution 25-1 that directs the Superintendent and designated representatives to actively engage legislators, educational advocacy groups, and community stakeholders to advance the Paulding County Board of Education 2026 Legislative Priorities on behalf of the families we serve, our employees, and the taxpayers of Paulding County was presented for review. The recommendation will be presented for approval at the October 21st meeting.

Personnel

School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
Abney	Supply	Coleman, Sheryl	5th Grade Teacher	NA	9/29/2025
Allgood	New Hire	Borders, Jazmen	AUT Para Local	NA	10/8/2025

Personnel (cont.)

School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
Allgood	New Hire	Givens, Antonio	Title I Para	NA	10/8/2025
Allgood	New Hire	Holt, Jessica	Dedicated Para Local	NA	10/22/2025
Baggett	Supply	Lokhorst, Michelle	Music Teacher	NA	10/1/2025
BHES	Transfer	Glosson, Sarah	Assistant Principal (205)	ESEP Lead Teacher	10/8/2025
BHES	Supply	Jones, Esther	Assistant Principal (205)	NA	9/29/2025
BHES	Supply	Huckaby, Christine	Art Teacher	NA	10/2/2025
Dallas	Supply	Shelkop, Nicole	1st Grade Teacher	NA	9/29/2025
Dugan	Supply	Gomez Cherisme, Carina	AUT Teacher Local	NA	9/29/2025
Northside	New Hire	Williams, Beverly	PreK Para 6B	NA	10/8/2025
Ragsdale	Supply	Clements, Christopher	STEM Teacher	NA	11/11/2025
Roberts	Supply	Jones, Esther	Media Specialist	NA	10/28/2025
Roberts	Resignation	Zelinski, Kristen	NA	Art Teacher	10/31/2025
Russom	Resignation	Almengor, Samantha	NA	AUT Teacher Local	10/3/2025
Russom	Supply	MacNair, Anahi	Kindergarten Teacher	NA	9/29/2025
Union	Resignation	Gravett, Brandy	NA	Bookkeeper (200)	10/3/2025
Crossroads	Resignation	Jackson, Tracie	NA	SNP Asst. (5 hrs.)	9/10/2025
Moses	Supply	Benham, Stephanie	7th Grade Teacher	NA	10/1/2025
Scoggins	Supply	Espinosa, Diana	PE Teacher	NA	10/1/2025
EPHS	Resignation	Cross, Francis	NA	Security Guard	10/1/2025
NPHS	Resignation	Bolton, Annie	NA	Teacher 9-12	10/31/2025
PCHS	Resignation	Harris, Rebecca	NA	Nurse RN	10/3/2025
PCHS	New Hire	Holcolmb, Katie	Nurse LPN	NA	10/8/2025
SPHS	New Hire	Courtney, Melissa	Clerk (195)	NA	10/8/2025

Personnel (cont.)

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Central	Transfer	Clonts, Anthony	Support Technologist II	Customer Care Technologist	9/15/2025
Central	Resignation	Cornelius, Bobbi	NA	Attendance Officer CL	9/19/2025
Central	Transfer	Gimel, Christian	Speech Language Associate	ESEP Communication Aide	9/18/2025
Central	Transfer	Harrison, Charles	Director of SIS & Central Registration	Assist. Director of SIS & Central Registration	10/1/2025
Central	Retirement	Jones, Pamela	NA	Customer Care Technologist	11/28/2025
Central	New Hire	Lee, Derrick	Day Porter	NA	10/17/2025
Central	Transfer	McClure, Evan	Speech Language Associate	ESEP Communication Aide	9/18/2025
Central	Transfer	Minor, Marjorie	Speech Language Associate	ESEP Communication Aide	9/18/2025
Central	Transfer	Norton, Amanda	Speech Language Associate	ESEP Communication Aide	9/18/2025
Central	Transfer	Norton, Tommie	Speech Language Associate	ESEP Communication Aide	9/18/2025
Central	Transfer	Reed, Alyssa	Speech Language Associate	ESEP Communication Aide	9/18/2025
Central	Resignation	Swint, Genesis	NA	ESOL Teacher	10/3/2025
Central	Transfer	Veitch, Lauren	Speech Language Associate	ESEP Communication Aide	9/18/2025
Transportation	New Hire	Belton, Eric	Bus Driver	NA	10/8/2025
Transportation	New Hire	Burks, Kayce	Bus Monitor	NA	10/8/2025
Transportation	New Hire	Harris, Lisa	Bus Monitor	NA	10/8/2025
Transportation	New Hire	Higgins, Terri	Bus Driver	NA	10/8/2025
Transportation	New Hire	Hollins, Toni	Bus Driver	NA	10/8/2025
Transportation	New Hire	Roache, Michael	Bus Driver	NA	10/8/2025
Transportation	Resignation	Skinner, James	NA	Bus Driver	10/3/2025
Transportation	Resignation	Smith, Carrie	NA	Bus Driver	9/30/2025
Transportation	New Hire	Spears, Robert	Bus Driver	NA	10/8/2025

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EPHS	Community Coach	Blankenship, Kenneth	Football/Soccer	NA	2025/2026
HHS	Community Coach	Jimenez, Luis	Soccer	NA	2025/2026
HHS	Community Coach	Mount, Robert	Football/Wrestling	NA	2025/2026
HHS	Community Coach	Ray, Keith	Football	NA	2025/2026
HHS	Community Coach	Scott, Byron	Football	NA	2025/2026
HHS	Community Coach	Thames Edmondson, Valerie	Track	NA	2025/2026
NPHS	Community Coach	O'Kelley, Stephanie	Lacrosse	NA	2025/2026
PCHS	Community Coach	Keyton, Jabari	Flag Football	NA	2025/2026

Personnel Transfers

School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
Allgood	Transfer	Love, Arkeyshianna	MOID Para Local	Dedicated Para Local	10/8/2025
Hutchens	Transfer	Lemley, Lara	Kindergarten Para	IRR Para Local	9/18/2025
Hutchens	Transfer	Sammons, Angela	AUT Para Local	Kindergarten Para	9/18/2025
Union	Transfer	Lawrence, Sandra	Bookkeeper (200)	Secretary (200)	10/22/2025
EPMS	Transfer	Irvine, Deborah	IRR Para Local	MOID Para Local	9/16/2025
EPMS	Transfer	Ruffing, Madison	AUT Para Local	IRR Para Local	9/16/2025
EPMS	Transfer	Williams, Breon	MOID Para Local	AUT Para Local	9/16/2025
McClure	Transfer	Gravelly, Charlee	8th Grade Teacher	7th Grade Teacher	7/24/2025
McClure	Transfer	Skelton, Kelly	7th Grade Teacher	8th Grade Teacher	7/24/2025
EPHS	Transfer	Daughdrill, Linda	Dedicated Para Local	LEAP Para Local	9/15/2025
EPHS	Transfer	Davis, Frances	MOID Para Local	Dedicated Para Local	9/15/2025
EPHS	Transfer	Wortham, Elise	LEAP Para Local	MOID Para Local	9/15/2025
Central	Transfer	Sabaka, Samuel	Coordinator of Student Supports & Services	RTI/504 Coordinator (240)	9/18/2025