

## Student Services Board Report

## Leading the way through ...

## September

The Transition Academy welcomed 14 new students and opened their fourth classroom this school year! Students engaged in Collaborative learning opportunities as returning students were "Leading the Way" while teaching new students the daily routines. Students started visiting community worksites and learning work readiness skills to lay the foundation for a productive and successful year.







The Transition Academy celebrated Cameron Solomon, who exited the program in May. Cameron will begin his career in the School Nutrition Program at Warner Robins High School. We are excited to see what this year has in store for the Transition Academy as we continue to grow and equip students with skills for future employment.



The Ellen Maltais CEC Chapter is leading the way as the oldest existing and most active CEC chapter in the state of Georgia. On Thursday, August 29th, the chapter hosted a meet and greet event at Woodlands Coffee Roasters & Cafe. The event was a drop-in for staff in Houston County who work with our exceptional students. It was a time for fun and fellowship as we collaborated with the teachers in our district.

Those who attended won door prizes including gift cards and casseroles from the Transition Academy. We also did a drawing for our new member CEC raffle. Our new member raffle winner was Stacey Kincer from Bonaire Middle School! Congratulations, Stacey! Thank you to the Woodlands Cafe for their hospitality and use of their space.





Welcome back Dr. Aletha R. Cherry!! Dr. Cherry is the Educational Ambassador for the United States of America and Federative Republic of Brazil at Partners of America. August 1, 2024, Dr. Cherry dropped by with some international friends to take a tour of LSSC and find out all the wonderful programs we are preparing for this year. We also welcomed Carolina Maciel from the Institute Mondo Partners of the Americas, and Tiberlo Monteiro with The Georgia Chapter of Partners of the Americas-Pernambuco. This tour was especially sentimental for Dr. Cherry and her children since she is the daughter of former Principal Carol L. Cherry whom the Lindsey Media Center is dedicated to.



Fox 24 dropped off five boxes of school supplies to the LSSC on August 7, 2024! We appreciate this amazing donation, and we are excited to get these supplies into the hands of students across the district!

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August 21-22, 2024, Over 80 GADOE Educators met at LSSC to review and discuss K-12 ELA standards and the science of reading. This professional development and continuing education is a vital part of keeping HCSD employees up-to-date on the most innovative and current standards.



Every year, the Georgia Department of Education creates a Harvest of the Month calendar that highlights produce that grows seasonally in Georgia. We love showcasing seasonal produce on our lines, and the kids can't get enough of it when we do! This month's Harvest of the Month item is melons. Across the county fresh, juicy watermelon has been popping up on our salad bars! Recently, we were able to offer yellow watermelon along with the traditional red variety for an extra fun twist on this month's featured item! The students were so excited to try something new and enjoy the flavors of summer for a little bit longer.



## HEALTHCARE SERVICES

The Houston County Health Department is partnering with the Houston County School District again to provide a flu vaccination program during school hours at no out-of-pocket expense to families. Every year many children are infected with the influenza virus, causing serious illness and missed days of school. Also, an infected child can spread the flu to other students, staff, and members of the family. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from this potentially serious virus. All staff, students, and families are encouraged to get vaccinated by a healthcare provider or come to one of the HCBE Flu Clinics. Consents will be done electronically through a JotForm or QRS code sent to all parents and staff emails. We hope to see lots of students and employees at the flu clinics!



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