

## State of the Schools 2022

In the tradition of presidents, governors, etc. we would like to report on the State of the Schools in Coosa County. Thanks to the hard work of students, staff, administrators, board members, and family and community members, the Coosa County School system is proud of the progress made in the following areas. We are happy to report that the state of our schools is strong and we look forward to continuing to strengthen our schools in 2022.

### Student Achievement

- Awarded \$1.6 million Literacy Everywhere grant to improve literacy in PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade in a partnership with law enforcement, health care professionals, and churches
- Piloted ACT prep course at Central High School
  - Every student receives 20 minutes a day
  - Select students receive 50 minutes a day: every senior in the 50 minute class who has re-taken the ACT has increased their composite score, two of which increased their score by 5 points
  - Pre-ACT scores increased 1.2%
- iReady scores
  - elementary school reading: the percentage of students who are on or above grade level has increased 15% since testing at the beginning of the school year
  - elementary school math: the percentage of students who are on or above grade level has increased 10% since testing at the beginning of the school year
  - high school reading: the percentage of students who are on or above grade level has increased 8% since testing at the beginning of the school year
  - high school math: the percentage of students who are on or above grade level has increased 6% since testing at the beginning of the school year
- Restarted nursing program through a partnership with Central Alabama Community College (CACC) dual-enrollment program by bringing CACC nursing professor to the Central High School campus
- Inaugural Summer Literacy Camp with transportation provided
- After school enrichment including tutoring, STEM, SAFE, 4-H, and Robotics

### Staff

- Increased staff members from 123 to 136 to assist in areas such a federal programs, reading intervention, and Edgenuity online facilitation
- Staff members received premium payment of \$500
- Assisted three teachers to apply for Teacher Excellence and Accountability for Mathematics and Science (TEAMS) endorsement to receive income supplements for teaching hard-to-staff subjects
- Doubled and tripled staff stipends for summer and after-school programs
- Inaugural staff winter formal with dinner, dancing, and door prizes

### Fiscal Health

- Balanced budget with no deficit spending

### Infrastructure

- Remodeling portions of the former Central High School to serve as new trade school
- New roof on High School, Elementary School and other campus facilities
- New A/C and heating systems to upgrade air quality for our staff and students
- 15 new buses: some outfitted with A/C and WiFi
- Revitalized outdoor classroom
- Added parking lot security lighting
- New storage structures

## **Communication**

- Partnership with Coosa County News, board members, and PTO officers to provide weekly calendar, pictures, and information to the public
- School websites updated weekly

## **Plans for 2022**

- Completion of new trade school including covered awning for crossing between campuses
- Completion of Head Start facility in a portion of the former Central High School
- Expansion of ACT, ASVAB, Work Keys prep classes
- Expansion of CACC courses offered at Central High School
- Expansion of the Summer Literacy Camp
- Science Fair
- New Keith Bullard Stadium field house (ADA compliance)
- New bleachers for Joe N. Belyeu gymnasium
- Resurface running track
- Upgrades to the band facility
- Bus Shop moving to former trade school