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2026-2027

Opening Session





**HOUSTON COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

High Achievement for All

Order of Events

Welcome.....	Dr. Rick Unruh <i>Chair, Board of Education</i>
Presentation of Colors.....	AFJROTC, Houston County High
National Anthem.....	Houston County Music Teachers
Pledge of Allegiance.....	Mr. Dave Crockett <i>Vice Chair, Board of Education</i>
Introduction of Special Guests.....	Dr. Richard Rogers <i>Superintendent of Schools</i>
Recognition of Event Sponsors.....	Mrs. Jennifer C. Jones <i>Director of Community & School Affairs</i>
Celebrating 2025-2026 Awards and Recognitions.....	Mrs. Jennifer C. Jones
A Look Back.....	Dr. Richard Rogers
Recognition of Support Person of the Year Finalists.....	Ms. Amber Washington <i>2025-2026 Houston County Teacher of the Year</i>
Presentation of Awards.....	Community Partners <i>Perry Area Chamber of Commerce & Robins Financial Credit Union</i>
Recognition of Teachers of the Year.....	Ms. Amber Washington
Presentation of Awards.....	Community Partners <i>Houston County Delegates, H.E.A. Federal Credit Union, Robins Regional Chamber, Sonny's BBQ, Robins Financial Credit Union, Gottwals Books, and Wingate Ford</i>
Remarks.....	2026-2027 Houston County Teacher of the Year
Building on Success.....	Dr. Elgin Mayfield <i>Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning</i>
Operation Graduation: Portrait of a Graduate.....	Dr. Lazunia Frierson <i>Assistant Superintendent of District & School Effectiveness</i>
A Look Forward.....	Dr. Richard Rogers
Special Performance Introduction	Dr. Dana Wiggins <i>Assistant Superintendent of Student Services</i>
"Go the Distance"	Houston County Music Teachers and Special Guests
Closing Remarks.....	Dr. Chris Brown <i>Deputy Superintendent</i>

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Richard Rogers

Board of Education

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Mr. Clyde Jackson, Jr., District 7
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Support Person of the Year Finalists

DISTRICT LEVEL

District & School Effectiveness	Tamara Jacobs
Human Resources & District Operations	Betty Hassoun
School Operations	Callie Johnston
Student Services	Abbie White
Superintendent & Deputy Superintendent's Office	Leo Alvarez
Teaching & Learning	Wesley Coffee

SCHOOL LEVEL

David Perdue Primary School	Meredith Shackleford
Eagle Springs Elementary School	Elizabeth O'Gorman
Houston County High School	Debra Kratz
Lake Joy Primary School	Rosalyn Hession
Perry High School	Bonita Boland

Teachers of the Year

Bonaire Elementary School.....	Kaitlyn Thompson
Bonaire Middle School.....	Alison Kessler
Bonaire Primary School.....	Jancy Caldwell
C.B. Watson Primary School	Kyle Davis
Centerville Elementary School.....	Andrea Sanford
David Perdue Elementary School.....	Ebony Lassiter
David Perdue Primary School.....	Korree Loving
Eagle Springs Elementary School.....	Holly Johnson
Feagin Mill Middle School.....	Keshia Brown
Hilltop Elementary School.....	Mindy Brett ★
Houston College & Career Academy	Dr. Lindsey Gentry ★
Houston County High School.....	Kedra Gay
Houston County WIN Academy.....	Tristan Hatcher
Huntington Middle School.....	Valerie Clark-Lee
Kings Chapel Elementary School.....	Rachel Green
Lake Joy Elementary School.....	Laura Leigh Wetsel ★
Lake Joy Primary School.....	Robin Burks
Langston Road Elementary School.....	Katie Frankhouser ★
Langston Road Primary School.....	Dr. Casie Dougharty
Matt Arthur Elementary School.....	Christen Pass
Matt Arthur Primary School.....	Gary Williams ★
Miller Elementary School.....	RheAnna West
Morningside Elementary School.....	Shacandice Blackshear
Mossy Creek Middle School.....	Terry Bragg
Northside Elementary School.....	Bridget Eads ★
Northside High School.....	Latoya Frazier
Northside Middle School.....	Yakima Smith
Parkwood Primary School.....	Marianne Rudziak
Pearl Stephens Elementary School.....	Dawn Mabry
Perry High School.....	Brianna Walker ★
Perry Middle School.....	Randy Mizell ★
Quail Run Elementary School.....	Rebekah Boyd
Russell Elementary School.....	Jessi Lewis
Shirley Hills Elementary School.....	Brianne Poole
Thomson Middle School.....	Curtis Martin
Tucker Elementary School.....	Amber Tyo
Veterans High School.....	Renee Shelton
Warner Robins High School.....	Jamie Mayhew ★
Warner Robins Middle School.....	Jasmine Young ★
Westside Elementary School.....	Sharkethia Brown

Gifted Teacher of the Year..... Peaches Tankersley, Matt Arthur Elementary
Media Specialist of the Year..... Brette Callaway, Pearl Stephens Elementary

★ Signifies Top Ten Teacher of the Year Finalist

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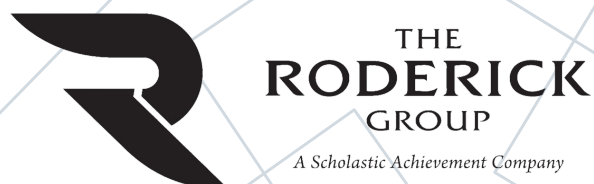


Each honoree also received letters of congratulations and appreciation from Governor Brian Kemp, the Houston County Delegation, Congressman Austin Scott, Senator Jon Ossoff, and Senator Raphael Warnock.

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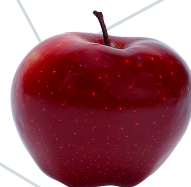
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Our ***mission*** is to produce high achievement for all through continuous growth.

Our ***vision*** is to be the standard for world-class education.

Our ***values***

- Prioritize the safety and well-being of all.
- Produce college and career ready graduates.
- Promote the academic success of all students. All means all!
- Ensure the academic, behavioral, and social-emotional growth of students through a Multi-Tiered System of Supports.
- Support quality learning, by student, by standard.
- Take collective responsibility for teaching, learning, and professional development through professional learning communities.
- Use evidence-based, high-leverage practices to meet the needs of all students.
- Create partnerships with stakeholders that promote positive relationships and student success.

The Houston County Way Forward

- Strive for excellence in all that we do.
- Have a professional attitude.
- Go the extra mile.
- Base decisions on what is best for students.
- Provide quality customer service.
- Work hard, with dedication and love for students.
- Approach work every day with a positive attitude, hope, enthusiasm and compassion.
- Do things right; do the right thing.
- Nurture relationships in an approachable and collaborative environment.