



Student Services Board Report



Opening Session was filled with energy, enthusiasm, and excitement for all that's ahead in Houston County. From powerful messages to joyful reunions, the room was buzzing with passion and purpose.

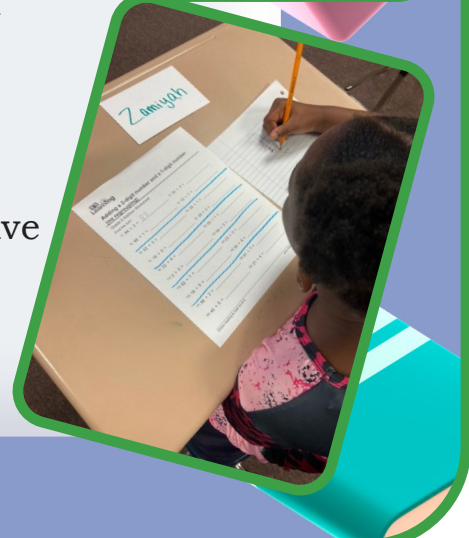
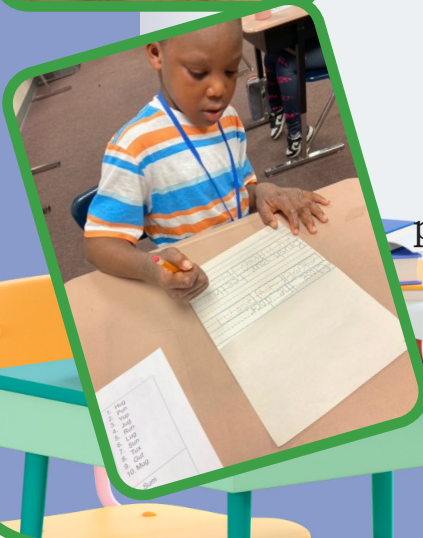
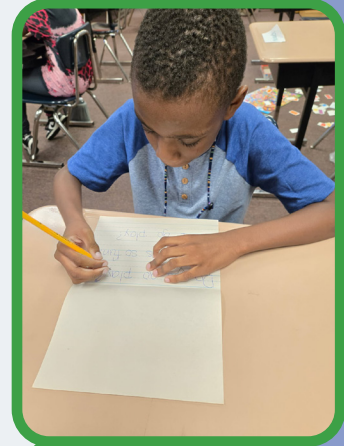
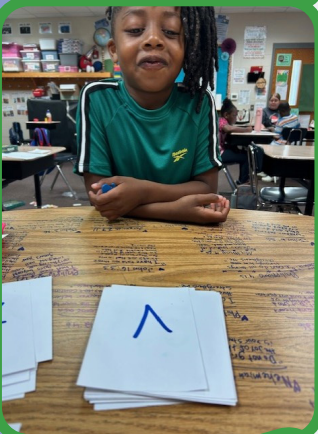
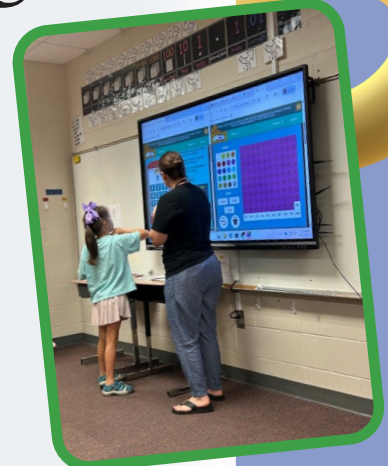
But the highlight of the day? Watching our Butterflies perform! This new inclusive performing arts troupe is designed to provide students with disabilities the opportunity to explore and express their creative talents. They absolutely lit up the stage! Here's to a year of inspiration, inclusion, and excellence!



Extended School Year Summer 2025

The 2025 Extended School Year (ESY) program was held at Hilltop Elementary and Thomson Middle School, running Monday through Wednesday from June 9th to June 25th. The program served 238 students from Pre-K through 12th grade, offering engaging, targeted instruction aligned with each student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals and objectives.

A dedicated team of educators and support staff—including teachers, paraprofessionals, speech-language pathologists, occupational and physical therapists, interpreters, medical technicians, and nurses played a vital role in ensuring a successful program and fostering positive learning outcomes for all students.





2025 ESY Credit Recovery Program Promotes Student Achievement and Graduation

In June 2025, the Extended School Year (ESY) Credit Recovery program provided critical academic support to high school students throughout Houston County. At Northside High School (NHS), 55 students from both Northside High and Warner Robins High School successfully completed a combined total of 163 courses. Similarly, Perry High School (PHS) served 66 students from Houston County High School, Veterans High School, and Perry High School, with those students also completing 163 courses.

A particularly noteworthy achievement: one student at each site—NHS and PHS—met all graduation requirements and earned their high school diploma at the conclusion of the program. ESY plays a vital role in supporting student achievement and helping learners stay on track for graduation.

SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM NEWS

This school year, every one of our school nutrition lunchrooms was inspected three times, totaling 117 health inspections across our 39 schools. We are thrilled to announce that 115 out of 117 inspections received a perfect score of 100—a true testament to the dedication and excellence of our nutrition staff!

Even more impressive, several schools have achieved 10 or more consecutive years of perfect health scores. These outstanding achievements reflect the unwavering commitment of our managers and team members to providing safe, clean, and healthy meals to students every day.

We are proud to recognize the following schools and their incredible nutrition leaders for their exceptional streak of perfect health scores of ten years or more:

Thomson Middle – Diane Tarr
CB Watson Primary – Gretchen Gruber
Langston Road Elementary – Robin Webb
Kings Chapel Elementary – Norma Hernandez
Northside Elementary – Antoinette Gordon
Perry High – Jennifer Howard
Russell Elementary – Jay Weatherford
Eagle Springs Elementary – Sharon Deas
Northside High – Morgan Hamel
Northside Middle – Pat Rice
Pearl Stephens Elementary – Nicole Richburg
Feagin Mill Middle – Rose Reimers
Parkwood Elementary – Mary Land
Houston County High – Tricia Nicolosi
Perry Middle – Sharron Arnold
Huntington Middle – Josephine Durham
Quail Run Elementary – Brittany McCollum
Lake Joy Elementary – Jessica Hampton
Warner Robins Middle – Brandi Smith
Miller Elementary – Steve Askew
Perdue Primary – Brittany Williams
Tucker Elementary – Zach Givler

SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

This summer, the Houston County School Nutrition Program served over 495,000 free meals to children 18 and under through its Summer Feeding Program. Operating from six main sites and distributing to 60+ community locations, the program also used seven vans daily to deliver meals directly to neighborhoods. With the help of over 100 dedicated team members, the program not only nourished kids but also brought smiles and connection through fresh produce, sweet treats, and caring service. It's a powerful reminder that feeding children is about more than food—it's about supporting their well-being all year long.



TRANSITION ACADEMY NEWS

Hands-On Learning: Students Support Summer Feeding Program Operations



Fourteen students from the Transition Academy participated in the Summer Feeding Program at Langston Road Primary and Northside Elementary School during June and July. The students played an active role in food service operations, including preparing and packaging items, assembling approximately 850 food bags each week, and distributing food bags and milk directly to families through curbside pickup. This hands-on experience offered valuable opportunities for the students to build workplace skills, practice teamwork, and make a meaningful contribution to their community.



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SUMMER NEWS

On July 12, volunteers from Centerpointe Church supported the Lindsey Student Support Center by working in the Community Garden, organizing the Resource Room, and shelving books in the Literacy Center. Their generous efforts helped improve the campus environment for students and families, and their community spirit was greatly appreciated.



Shirley Hills Baptist Church raised over \$700 for the Lindsey Student Support Center, supporting the upcoming Houston Cares event on February 6–7, 2026. Their generosity will help provide essential resources to students and families, and their partnership is deeply appreciated.

Freshman Parent Bootcamp

On July 15, the Freshman Parent Bootcamp offered parents of rising freshmen helpful guidance on supporting their child's transition to high school. Led by LSSC Family Engagement Liaison Erica Abram, the session covered academic expectations, extracurriculars, and early college and career planning.

Vaccination Clinic

On July 17, the Lindsey Student Support Center partnered with the Houston County Health Department to host a vaccine clinic, helping 15 students meet school health requirements. The event supported student wellness and ensured readiness for the new school year.



New Family Information Session

On July 24, the Lindsey Student Support Center hosted an information session for families new to the HCSD. Attendees received guidance on key topics such as the district communication app, Infinite Campus, transportation, attendance policies, and available resources. Breakout sessions offered additional support from the RAFB Military Liaison and GA Parent Mentor for families of students with disabilities. Families left the event feeling informed and ready for the school year.

2025 SUMMER GAEL CONFERENCE



At the 2025 Summer GAEL Conference, the Houston County School District's Student Services Department delivered a powerful presentation highlighting a forward-thinking partnership focused on student success and family engagement.

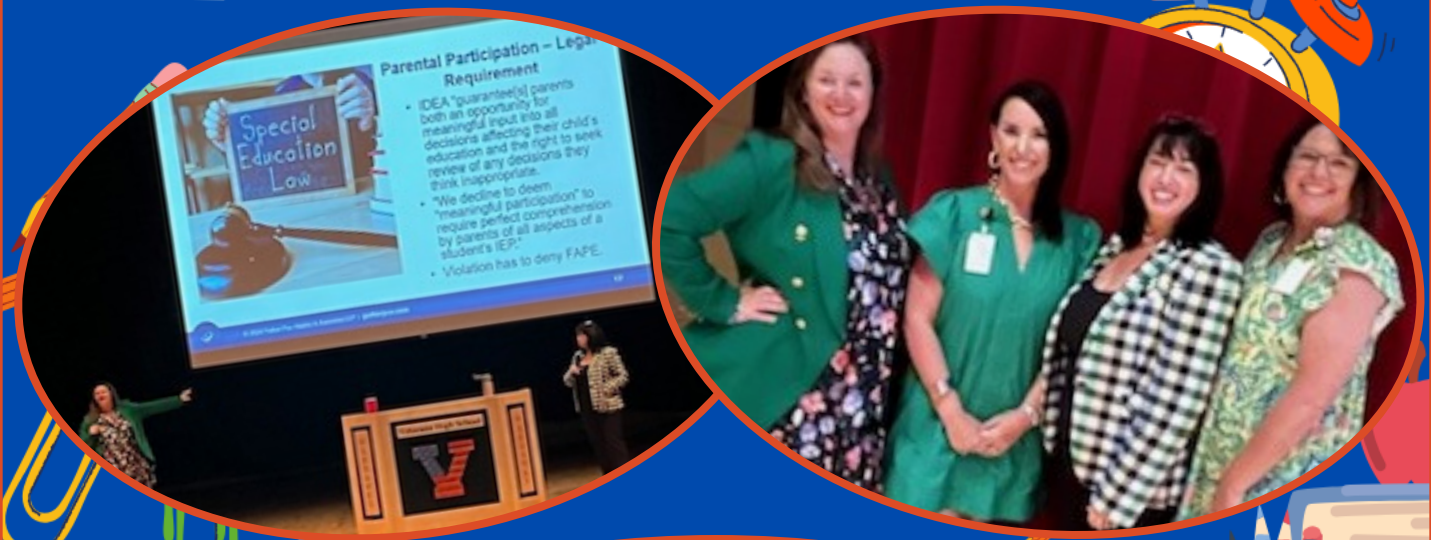
The session showcased the collaborative work between the district and its key partners: the Lindsey Student Support Center, Transition Academy, the Special Education Parent Mentor, and the Family Engagement Liaison.

This unique alliance has played a vital role in developing programs that address the evolving needs of students, families, and the wider community. Together, these partners design and implement targeted initiatives that promote academic achievement, emotional well-being, and active family involvement across all grade levels.

Through a unified vision and coordinated strategies, the partnership enables the district to provide year-round opportunities and comprehensive wraparound services tailored to support every student.

The presentation underscored the district's unwavering commitment to innovation and inclusive education—demonstrating how strategic collaboration can lead to meaningful, lasting outcomes for children and families.

Writing Legally Defensible IEPs



On July 28, attorneys Reagan G. Sauls and Beth Morris of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP led a professional development session titled "Defensible IEPs" for special education staff. The training covered legal standards for eligibility, documenting progress, compliant accommodations, and parent engagement in the IEP process. Attendees gained practical strategies aligned with IDEA and left better equipped to support student growth and maintain compliance. Student Services will offer continued resources and support to reinforce best practices district-wide.