



## APRIL 2026

### SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATE

#### Family & Community Engagement Office

Cheryl Moody, Administrator on Special Assignment

#### *Volunteer Services & Families in Transition Services*

- In collaboration with the Title I office, the department hosted our Parent & Community Meeting on Tuesday, April 07, 2026, at Stewart Street School. We gave out resources available from various departments, as well as multiple community partners & vendors to ensure our students and families are aware of community services being readily available.
- In collaboration with the Foster Grandparents Program, the department has solicited their help in becoming a resiliency coach within the schools they are already serving. We are scheduling dates in the fall for the Department of Education to come out and train the grandparents and all other volunteers who have completed the fingerprinting process. We currently have 37 volunteers who have completed the Fingerprinting process.
- Over the past three months, the department has supported **(more than 25)** families with uniforms, laundry kits, hygiene kits,
- The department is working with rapid rehousing in assisting families with utility deposits and move in cost (for those who qualify). We have submitted more than 10 applications, having 5 approved for services.
- The department has been actively supporting the schools with the McKinney-Vento required presentation and ensuring staff is aware of the requirements needed to adequately support our students and families.

#### *Truancy & Attendance Compliance Services*

- Over the past two (2) months, the F.A.C.E. office has met with 7 schools to ensure schools adhere to the attendance policy and processes. The F.A.C.E. office has received 3 truancy packets to date. The F.A.C.E. office is also scheduling
- As we move into the last quarter of the school year, we are in the process of preparing end of the year surveys which encompass questions regarding families' perceptions of the school Perceptions of child, Engagement barriers, perceptions of school safety, and school attendance.

#### *Home Education & Virtual Instruction Office*

- We are continuing to enroll home education, to include Home Education Traditional, Flex, K12 and PAEC FLVS Franchise, whereas since 4/27/2026 there have been **(33)** letters of intent, **(18)** notice of terminations and **(4)** annual evaluation reported. There were also (1) Affidavit of Completion and (4) Students Transitioned to Adult Education. We have helped a total of (75) families in some way with Home /Virtual Education in person.
- We have tentatively submitted Registration dates for K-12 Pending Board Approval of the Contract. **Those Dates are scheduled for: Semester 1- Registration will open- July 1- September 18 and Semester 2-Registration will open November 30- February 12.**
- We are currently planning for a Virtual Instruction Program Parent Expo / Orientation. We are working to have a representative from each platform join in and provide critical information regarding their respectful platforms. We will also provide some Best Practice Tips to all who join. We are constantly providing insight and information to parents and schools on the process of home education & virtual instruction programs.
- Virtual School and Home Education end of the year testing will be conducted within student's zone school. The office is preparing to provide end-of-the-year reviews, as well as promotion and retentions for students enrolled in GVIP .

#### *New K-8*

- We hosted the New K-8 Community Meeting at George W. Munroe on April 15, 2026. The turnout was great. We received more than 1000 responses from the survey.

#### Action Steps:

- Working to develop climate surveys for students, parents, school/district staff, as well as community members to gather pertinent information to improve the services offered by the district to begin facilitating in **May 2026**.
- Plans for the end of the year recognition event are underway to ensure that we recognize teachers and support staff who have exemplified outstanding achievement over the past year to be held in **May 2026**.
- Developing the action plan for our next family/community.
- McKinney-Vento Program Students College Tours are scheduled for June 16, 2026 for Florida A & M University and Florida State University.
- McKinney-Vento Program Students College Tour for Tallahassee State College is Scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

## Technology Department

Dr. Sheantika Wiggins , Director • John Thomas, Network Coordinator • Darlean Youmans, MIS Coordinator April

Please see the following update from the Technology Department regarding recent activities and ongoing efforts across the district:

1. Upgrading All Computers to Windows 11
  - We are updating all district computers to Windows 11 because Windows 10 will soon no longer be supported.
  - Newer devices are being updated.
  - Older devices (about 80%) will be replaced because they cannot support the upgrade.
  - New devices are arriving now, and staff are working extra hours to get them ready quickly.
  - Work is being done carefully to avoid interrupting student testing.
2. *Stronger Internet for Testing (GCHS – Building 8)*
  - Internet/Wi-Fi in Building 8 has been upgraded.
  - It has been separated from the rest of the school network to create a secure and stable testing environment.
3. *Improving School Safety Cameras*
  - Additional cameras are being added at Gadsden County High School and Havana Middle School.
  - Broken cameras at HMS have already been replaced.
  - Future funding will be requested to support camera system licenses.
4. *Planning Technology for the New School*
  - We are working with the construction team to make sure the new school is set up correctly with technology.
  - The district will continue using Paxton for door access and security to stay consistent across schools.
  - Supporting Food Services (MOSAIC System)
  - We are helping Food Services roll out a system to manage:
  - Inventory, Menus, Daily operations (This project is ongoing.)
5. *Technology Support Services*
  - All Helpdesk requests and support-calls in April were completed.
  - We continue to provide daily support to staff and students across the district.

### Operational / System Updates

- **Student Rollover (2026–2027):** Completed, with the exception of pending **Shanks-related changes**
- **Staff Rollover:** Currently in progress
- **Online Enrollment:** Preliminary setup and configuration underway
- **OPPAGA Audit:** Ongoing coordination and response efforts
- **Census File:** Completed for Pat Thomas
- **Parent Portal Letters:** Prepared and in progress for distribution

### Closing Statement

The Technology Department continues to focus on **infrastructure modernization, system reliability, and instructional support**, while aligning all initiatives with district goals for **safety, efficiency, and student success**.

District-wide repair, installation, and ongoing maintenance of gates, doors, and other networked entry devices continue as part of our commitment to safety and operational reliability.

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## Transportation Department

Matthew Bryant, Director

### EV Bus Project

After several meetings with Highland Electric, we're getting closer to the project start and completion. Currently, the following steps have already been taken:

- ❖ A power meter and transformer have been installed for the power to be supplied to the charging stations.
- ❖ The power is now active at the transformer.
- ❖ The Engineers will be onsite April 27th or 28th to begin the setup of the charging stations and run electric power cables to the transformer.
- ❖ All eighth (8) EV buses have been built, cameras installed and equipped with student warning equipment.
- ❖ The buses should arrive at the transportation yard by mid-May.
- ❖ A training workshop for the EV buses has been tentatively scheduled for June 18, 2026.
- ❖ Pictures are attached below showing the progress that has been made so far.



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## Gadsen Technical College

Dr. Willie A. Jackson, Director

**GTC is Physically and Financially Sound:** Leaders are currently writing the proposals for renewal of all non-completive grants (Perkins, Adult Education, and AWD). The request for application (RFA) for all non-completive grants will be completed NLT mid-May. The two entitlement grants (Workforce and PIPELINE) allocations are expected in May.

**Industry Certification:** Secondary CTE incentive bonuses will be awarded at the April regular scheduled board meeting (4-28-26). Secondary CTE programs received more than \$134,000 for instructors and program award incentive based on the 2024-2025 school year industry certification performance. An additional \$222,000 was awarded for the Academic Acceleration Option Supplement (Industry certification).

**Financial Aid (Pell and Open Door):** All financial aid disbursements for the year are complete. A proposal was submitted to the Office of Sate Scholarship to request additional funds to provide stipends to the Nursing students for the summer semester. GTC students are at the top of the list for funding.

**Student Enrollment:** Open Enrollment started on April 1 and ends July 15<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate the 2026-2027 enrollment numbers to increase by 10% over the 2024-2025 school year.

**Staffing:** We are currently reviewing applications to interview applicant for the CTE Coordinator and Media and Technology vacant positions. The new Adult with Disabilities (AWD) Coordinator joined the team on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The coordinator position is one of three new positions funded through the University of Central Florida (UCF) sub-grant to support Postsecondary Education for Students with Unique Abilities (FPCSUA).

**Student Outcomes:** The Nursing Class of 2025 earned a 100% NCLEX pass rate on the first try. The Class "B" Driving Class has an 100% licensure pass rate for the year. The Automotive General Service Technician class is currently at the 100% industry certification rate. We reached 72% (13 GEDs) of the 18 GEDs set as a goal for the year.

**Graduation:** May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

**Projects:** The Tiny House construction is complete. The interior design students from FAMU will stage the house the week of May 4<sup>th</sup> and Open House will occur on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The house will appear in the May edition of "Parade of Home". Special thanks to community partners Jones Construction and Design and Lewis Plumbing. Jones Construction taught and supervised the design and permitting. Lewis Plumbing taught and supervised the rough plumbing for phrase I. Mr. Jeff Suber taught and supervised rough carpentry. The AS Degree classroom renovation is complete.

**Scholarship Opportunities:** Two fully funded Nursing or Pharmacy Technician scholarships are available to GCSD's graduate to attend GTC upon meeting eligibility requirements. The Board and Superintendent have discretion to award one scholarship each per year.

**Operations:** The student management system (FOCUS) challenging areas have been reduced to better support student operations. The Assessment Center upgrade is complete and capable of testing 20 testers. The Nursing program's Skills Lab upgrade is complete.

**Expansion and Growth:** The campus is running out of space to accommodate growth based on the strategic plan. Over the next year, GTC will seek funding to build a new 4000-7000 square foot building to house the school of education. FPCTP opens the opportunity to add the Fundamentals of Food Service Skills Program (Culinary Arts).

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**Contractor's Weekly Progress Report  
Gadsden County Schools Quincy K-8  
Allstate Construction, INC/CSI Contracting  
Report: 11**

**Construction Schedule**

Notice to Proceed: 1/19/2026

Construction Duration: 699 calendar days

Substantial Completion: 12/19/2027

**Work Activities this Week**

Site Grading Continues

Area A1 and Area A2 Building Pad Continues

Site Stormwater Utility Work Continues

New Bus Loop Road / Entrance Construction Continues

Primary Power and Lighting Circuits Along Cleveland Street/Bus Loop

Area C2 Building Foundation Layout and Excavation

Area C1 Plumbing Below Slab Rough In

CUP Below Slab Electrical Rough In

Hydronic Piping from CUP to Area C1

Sodded Stormwater Pond Banks/Slopes

**Work Scheduled for Next Week**

Site Grading Continues

Site Stormwater Utility Installation Continues

Begin Potable Water, Fire, and Sanitary Sewer Utility Installation

CUP Slab on Grade Placement

Area C2 Foundation Placement

Area A1 and A2 Building Pad Construction

**Major Milestones**

No major milestones achieved this week

**Critical RFI's / Submittals / Issues**

Submittal 265119-1 School LED Lighting

Submittal 051223-4 Structural Steel A2 Shop Drawings

Submittal 237323-1.1 Custom AHU's

**Progress Photos**

See following pages in the report.

