



2022

*Retirement  
Banquet*



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May 19, 2022

Dear Retiree:

Congratulations on this important milestone of your career. Whether you served as a teacher, administrator, maintenance worker, nurse, bus driver, custodian, lunchroom worker, clerical staff member, paraprofessional, or other school district employee, you made a great impact on the students of Houston County. The difference you made in their lives will last for years to come.

Over the years, you've witnessed tremendous growth in our county, and today we are the 12<sup>th</sup> largest school district in the state. You've seen us build new schools and expand programs to accommodate for this growth. A lot has changed, but the one thing that has not waivered is the dedication of employees like you. Our District is able to continue our legacy of excellence because of your commitment to our mission of producing high-achieving students.

Tonight, we remember your significant contributions to our schools and community, and we celebrate all that lies ahead for you in retirement. As you enter this new chapter in life, I hope that you will cherish the memories you made while serving in our District. I wish you the best in your retirement. May you be richly blessed in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mark A. Scott'.

Mark A. Scott, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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### Order of Events

Welcome	Mr. Fred Wilson <i>Chairman, Houston County Board of Education</i>
Invocation	Mr. Dave Crockett <i>Board Member, Houston County Board of Education</i>
Dinner and Entertainment	Veterans High School Jazz Band <i>Grayson Mullis, Director of Bands</i>
Remarks	Dr. Mark Scott <i>Superintendent of Schools</i>
Presentation of Awards to Retirees	Dr. Christopher Brown <i>Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and District Operations</i>
Invitation	Ms. Sherin Hinnant <i>Retired Educators Association</i>
Closing Remarks	Dr. Mark Scott

*Thank you to all of our retirees for your years of dedicated service  
to our students and their families.*

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#### **Board Members**

*Mr. Fred Wilson ~ Mrs. Helen Hughes ~ Mr. Dave Crockett  
Mrs. Lori Johnson ~ Mr. Hoke Morrow ~ Dr. Rick Unruh ~ Mr. Bryan Upshaw*

## Presenting our 2022 Retirees

Elizabeth Alexander.....	Warner Robins High
Georgia Allen .....	Bonaire Middle
Peggy Allen.....	Northside Middle
Debra Anderson .....	Perry High
Cameron Andrews.....	Warner Robins Middle
Tamra Andrews.....	Lake Joy Primary
Catherine Arnold.....	Feagin Mill Middle
Ruth Bennett.....	Hilltop Elementary
Nancy Bernard.....	Transportation
Katherine Boudreaux.....	Houston County High
Ruthann Bowden .....	Centerville Elementary
Melanie Bratcher.....	Huntington Middle
Karen Bryant .....	Miller Elementary
Rose Campbell .....	Lake Joy Elementary
Sandy Cauley .....	Bonaire Middle
John David Clark.....	Maintenance
Jimmie Collins .....	Transportation
Lisa Collins .....	Matt Arthur Elementary
Cheryl Coody .....	Thomson Middle
Teresa Dalton.....	Parkwood Elementary
Stacy Daly.....	Matt Arthur Elementary
Angela Davis .....	WIN Academy
Michaela Dunmon.....	Lake Joy Primary
Norma Sue Dykes.....	David Perdue Elementary
Marcus Estes.....	Northside High
Sylvia Eubanks.....	Warner Robins High
Kimberly Farinelli.....	WIN Academy
Diane Fleck.....	Bonaire Middle
Tamba Fuller .....	David Perdue Primary
Jacqueline Garner .....	Langston Road Elementary
Susan Gentry.....	Teaching and Learning
Nancy Gillies .....	David Perdue Primary
Diane Gore .....	Warner Robins High
Phylliss Grane.....	Thomson Middle
Patricia Griffeth .....	Warner Robins High
Terri Hammerle.....	Houston County High
Traci Hamrick .....	Mossy Creek Middle
Brett Hardy .....	Veterans High
Webb Allen Hargrove.....	Transportation
Shirley Harmon .....	Veterans High
Claudia Harrington.....	Pearl Stephens Elementary
Lynn Hawkins .....	Technology
Kristi Hess.....	Perry Middle
Evelyn Hester .....	Thomson Middle
Lisa Hill.....	Bonaire Middle

Heidi Hines.....	David Perdue Elementary
Carri Honican .....	Perry Middle
Keith Hood.....	Bonaire Middle
Lorinda Hultquist .....	Lake Joy Primary
Nathan Hunt.....	Bonaire Middle
Gay Iannuzzi .....	Bonaire Primary
Paul Iannuzzi .....	Technology
Beverly Jackson .....	Pearl Stephens
Vera Jackson .....	Quail Run Elementary
Carla Jessup.....	Northside High
Dennis Jolissaint.....	Northside High
Kacy Jones.....	Warner Robins Middle
Karen Jones .....	Morningside Elementary
Ricky Jones .....	Warner Robins Middle
Debbie Keene.....	Warner Robins Middle
Dorothy Lane.....	Parkwood Elementary
Sharon Lewis .....	Huntington Middle
Mary Liberty .....	David Perdue Elementary
Cheryl Manns.....	Thomson Middle
Maureen Martin.....	Houston County High
John Masters.....	Northside High
Juliet McCoy .....	Bonaire Middle
Christina McDonald .....	David Perdue Elementary
Janet McGuire.....	CB Watson Primary
Miranda Mercer.....	Huntington Middle
Jenny Millward.....	Student Services
Tamala Morrow .....	Kings Chapel Elementary
Rebekah Colson Mullis.....	Warner Robins High
Philip Oakley.....	Northside High
Charles Odum.....	Transportation
Sonya Olson.....	Lake Joy Primary
Rosalia Pagala .....	Warner Robins High
April Pearson.....	Kings Chapel Elementary
Gregory Peavy.....	Parkwood Elementary
Paula Peavy .....	Feagin Mill Middle
Cynthia Peeler.....	Warner Robins High
Khoeun Phin .....	CB Watson Primary
Barbara Porter .....	Bonaire Middle
Deborah Powell .....	Warner Robins Middle
Dorothy Radcliff.....	Transportation
Gloria Reichman.....	Warner Robins Middle
Karen Richardson.....	Northside Elementary
Robert Robbins.....	Northside Middle
Gina Rowland.....	Eagle Springs Elementary
Christine Sampson .....	Northside High
Melinda Schroeder .....	Matt Arthur Elementary
Callie Scott.....	Huntington Middle
Christopher Shumway .....	Feagin Mill Middle

Toni Simmons .....	Quail Run Elementary
Brenda Simons.....	Tucker Elementary
Johnna Spires.....	Northside High
Jane Steverson .....	Tucker Elementary
April Strevig.....	Lake Joy Primary
Jacqueline Styles .....	WIN Academy
William Switzer .....	Bonaire Primary
Sharon Thompson .....	Warner Robins High
Stephen Thublin.....	Central Office
Hillard Turner .....	Morningside Elementary
Kenyon Turner.....	Veterans High
Stephen Ulmer .....	Transportation
Edwin Vazquez .....	Veterans High
Robin Wade.....	Warner Robins High
Robin Walker.....	CB Watson Primary
Ronnie Walker .....	WIN Academy
Carmen Washington.....	Perry Middle
Kim Waters.....	Kings Chapel Elementary
Sandra Waters.....	Shirley Hills Elementary
Danny Watt .....	Bonaire Primary
Celia Wells .....	Transportation
Janicea Whitley .....	Houston County Career Academy
Sara Wilder.....	Transportation
Paula Williams .....	Bonaire Primary
Jeanette Wolfork .....	WIN Academy
Jimmy Womack.....	Transportation
Lynn Wood.....	Lake Joy Elementary
Leigh Woodyard.....	Centerville Elementary
Carl Wright.....	Maintenance
Shelby Wright.....	Warner Robins Middle
Steven Wroblewski .....	Huntington Middle
Elizabeth Wynn .....	Morningside Elementary
Ouhayla Yasin.....	Hilltop Elementary
James Yawn.....	Northside Middle

## 2022 Retirees' Biographies

**Georgia Allen** – Mrs. Allen was a native of Houston County and a graduate of Houston County High School. Later after graduating, Mrs. Allen would hold positions at several different companies that included Briggs & Stratton, Warner Robins AFB, and part-time at Krystal's to name a few, and then finally decided to end her career at Bonaire Middle School. Mrs. Allen was a hardworking and dedicated woman not only at her job but with her family, church and community. She was not one to do things on the bare minimum scale; it was "give it your all" and "do your best," and that was evident within all of her children and grandchildren. When someone asked about her plans after retirement, she would just smile and look you straight in the eye and reply with a very stern "NOTHING" and laugh, and that is exactly what she did by spending more time with family and watching her soap opera *Young & the Restless*, cowboy western show *Gun Smoke*, and one of her new favorite television shows *911*. That is what she enjoyed doing up until her passing in December of 2021. She will truly be missed, but never forgotten.

**Peggy Allen** – Mrs. Allen has spent 30 years as a custodian at Northside Middle School where she has been the lead for the past 15 years. Over the years, she has enjoyed getting to know the students, faculty and staff and making many friends and great memories. Mrs. Allen looks forward to spending time with her family. She will also continue to support her alma mater, Warner Robins High School, where her grandchildren attend and participate in sports and other activities. She will miss all of her friends at Northside Middle, The Best School in the Land.

**Debra Anderson** – Debra Anderson is a native of Warner Robins and a graduate of the Houston County School District (NHS, Class of '79). She received a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Georgia, educational certification through Mercer University, and a master's degree in Secondary History Education from Piedmont University. She has been a U.S. History and American Government teacher at Perry High School for 25 years, where she served as the Social Studies Department Chair (20 years) and Gifted Lead Teacher. She served as the AP US History county coordinator for many years, and was also a reader for the AP US History national exam. She was chosen as Perry's Teacher of the Year in 2011 and STAR teacher in 2014. In retirement, Mrs. Anderson plans to travel with husband, Kelly, to explore America's national parks and historic sites, volunteer with her church, attend UGA football games, catch up on reading, and spend quality time with family and friends.

**Cameron Andrews** – Mr. Cameron Andrews is a product of the Houston County School System where he proudly attended Westside Elementary, Tabor Junior High, and

Northside High School. He received his bachelor's degree in Education from Georgia Southern University and his master's and specialist degrees in Leadership from Columbus State University. Mr. Andrews spent the first three years of his career teaching Social Studies at Northeast High School in Bibb County and later transferred to Houston County High School where he taught for eight years. After eleven years in the classroom, he began his administrative career as an assistant principal at Thomson Middle School. Five years later, Mr. Andrews transferred to Warner Robins Middle School where he served as an assistant principal for the remainder of his career. Outside of school, Mr. Andrews loves serving his community. He is a former city councilman having served the Centerville community for 20 years. He is also an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene currently serving as the Family Pastor. After retirement, Mr. Andrews plans to continue his service through ministry, and he looks forward to his new jobs that await him at his new house in Elko- pecan farming, fishing, and his long-neglected golf game. He plans to enjoy this time with his wife, Angie, and their two adult children, Madison and Caleb.

**Tamra Andrews** – Tamra is retiring this year with 30 years of teaching service. She obtained her bachelor's, master's, and specialist degrees in Early Childhood Education and is certified to teach grades pre-k - 8th grade. She began her career at Centerville Elementary in 1992 and taught there 10 years. Later, she taught in her hometown of Bleckley County for an additional 15 years. Tamra returned to Houston County and has taught for the past 5 years at Lake Joy Primary where she was chosen as their Teacher of the Year in 2019. She is happily married to her husband, Scott Andrews, and they share 5 children: son-Phillip (wife-Britleigh), daughter-Jordan, daughter-Bekah (wife-Nikki), daughter-Rachael, and son-Ryan. Tamra enjoys spending time with her family and traveling to new and exciting places. "Teaching has not only been a terrific career, but a lifetime of adventures filled with many wonderful memories of precious kids and the best of friends. I will forever cherish every person who I crossed paths with along the way!"

**Ruth Bennett** – Dr. Bennett came to Georgia in 2007 to escape the snow belt of Jamestown, New York. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the State University of New York, and her specialist and doctoral degrees from Columbus State University. She has been the assistant principal of instruction for Hilltop Elementary since 2007 when it first opened. Before serving as the API, she was a literacy coach for six years and a kindergarten teacher for four years. Dr. Bennett looks forward to spending time with her grandchildren...with two more grandkids coming this year! She also plans to travel and explore new hobbies!

**Nancy Bernard** – Nancy is a native of Bibb County. She attended school there and in 1982 began a 19-year career with the Bibb County Board of Education working in



several different capacities. She worked as a bus driver, a cashier in the lunchroom at Southwest High School, and a front office clerk at Weir Elementary School before eventually going back to Transportation as a Route Supervisor. During that time, she moved to Centerville and in 2001, she had the opportunity to begin working for the Houston County Board of Education in the Transportation Department as Route Supervisor and Driver Trainer. Nancy retires with 20 years of service with Houston County, for a total of 39 years of school support service. Nancy states, "I have always felt like working with children was a God-given ministry, the opportunity to love kids wherever they were at that time of their lives." She and her husband, Bill Bernard, have four children, all graduates of Northside High School, and ten grandchildren. She plans to travel, do volunteer work and spend time with family.

**Katherine Boudreaux** – Katherine's teaching career began at Savannah High School in 1977. She has taught in three counties in Georgia – Chatham, Columbia, and Houston. Katherine has also taught in Arizona, Florida, Nevada, and Germany for Department of Defense Schools. She also taught for Pima Community College in Tucson, Arizona. Katherine is married to Stacy Boudreaux and has two children, David Boudreaux, who works for Marriott, and Katie Boudreaux, who teaches at Chattahoochee High School. Katherine's husband is also retired. She earned her Bachelor of Science from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Her Master of Education in History is from a joint program at Armstrong State and Savannah State in Savannah, Georgia. Her gifted endorsement is from Augusta University.

**Ruthann Bowden** – Ruthann didn't start teaching until she was 40 years old. She started her family first. She and her husband and have 5 children, 4 of whom are married; and they have 6 grandchildren who keep her on her toes. Her desire to travel more, see more Broadway shows, and be more available for her family is the reason she's decided to go ahead and retire. "It's truly been an honor and a blessing to be able to be an educator. I hope that I have made a difference in some of the lives I've touched. There is a line in the song *For Good* from *Wicked* the musical... 'because I knew you, I have been changed for good.' That's exactly how I feel about the students and adults who have been a part of my journey. Thank you Houston County for a great ride!"

**Melanie Bratcher** – Melanie Bratcher is a native of London, Kentucky, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from the University of Kentucky in 1984. GO BIG BLUE! She added teaching credentials at Chapman University while living at George AFB, California, and later earned her Master of Education and Educational Specialist degrees from Georgia Southwestern State University. In 1989, Robins AFB and Warner Robins became home. Mrs. Bratcher began her career with the Houston County School District as a substitute teacher and transitioned to a full-time Family and Consumer Science teacher in the fall of 1991 at Bert Rumble Middle School, which later

became Huntington Middle School. During her 31 years teaching, she has made many life-long friends and has been involved in many extra-curricular activities, including serving as a FCCLA adviser. Mrs. Bratcher is the widow of David Bratcher and the proud mother of Kevin and Emily. In retirement, Mrs. Bratcher plans to continue her volunteer work with Nutcracker of Middle Georgia, travel (almost to the goal of visiting all 50 states), take a walk every day, hike, bicycle, kayak, garden, read, do home improvement projects, and enjoy not getting up at 5:00 a.m.!

**Karen Bryant** – Karen Bryant retires from Houston County Board of Education with 29 years of service, 27 of which were teaching at Miller Elementary in grades Pre-K, 1st, and Kindergarten. She was a sign language interpreter in Bibb County for 2 years. She has 6 years of federal service. A military brat whose family was stationed at RAFB 3 times, Mrs. Bryant attended Lindsey Elementary for 4 years, 1 at Tabor, and was an honor graduate of Northside High School. Mrs. Bryant holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in Early Childhood Education from Georgia College. While a Pre-K teacher, Mrs. Bryant received recognition for exemplary teaching of young students when she was awarded National High/Scope Certification in 2002. She mentored and hosted many pre-k teachers in her model classroom. Mrs. Bryant also developed and sold learning activity ideas to educational publications. While at Miller Elementary, she produced the yearbook for 22 years. An avid traveler, Mrs. Bryant has visited all 50 states, 18 countries, 22 national parks, and has taken 15 cruises. She looks forward to the flexibility retirement affords so she can continue completing her travel destination bucket list. Past favorites include Alaska, Thailand, England, South America, and Antarctica. Mrs. Bryant enjoys reading, scrapbooking, water aerobics, and photography (her side gig was shooting weddings, most before digital), and most of all, spending time with her precious grandchildren!

**Rose Campbell** – Dr. Campbell is a graduate of Northside High School. She holds a bachelor's and master's degree from Georgia College and State University as well as a specialist and doctoral degree from Columbus State University. Dr. Campbell has had many accomplishments throughout her career. These are a few highlights. She was awarded National Board Certification and has held a host of endorsements. She was a Teacher of the Year and then nominated for the Disney American Teacher of the Year. She was a recipient of the School Bell award from Georgia Association of Educational Leaders. Dr. Campbell has taught kindergarten, second, third and fifth grades. She has served gifted learners and was also a Math Early Intervention Specialist. Serving as the Assistant Principal of Instruction for 15 years at Lake Joy Elementary has been the highlight of her career. Dr. Campbell looks forward to time with her daughter, Ellis, and her husband, Bill, but she also looks forward to new challenges now that she is all grown up. She swears that whatever she finds to do, it will be fun and rewarding; and she will never stop learning something new.

**Sandy Cauley** – Mrs. Cauley is a native of Vidalia, Georgia but moved to Houston County in 1989. She immediately began her teaching career in Houston County. She taught at Warner Robins Middle for 11 years and at Bonaire Middle for the past 21 years for a total of 32 years, serving all 32 years in 8th grade! She received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Georgia College and State University. Mrs. Cauley looks forward to beach time and having time to devote to her family. She also plans to catch up on her reading, gardening and traveling with her husband, Dave, starting with a trip north to Alaska.

**John David Clark** – John David Clark, or “JD” to most, was born and raised in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, but now lives in Perry, GA with his wife Amy, and his favorite dog, Chloe. He started with the Maintenance Department in 1990 and he has had a great 32 years. He has been involved in many renovations and projects over the years. These include renovating the Board Office and Kings Chapel and seeing the closing of Perry Elementary and Perry Primary. He is quite possibly the only person who can say that they have poured every sidewalk that has been needed in the last three decades! A free spirit and headstrong personality has led him to live an adventurous life all across the US and abroad. In 1988, JD and his first wife Jodie settled down in middle Georgia and had two children, Jenna and John Drew. The loss of a mother and wife left JD and the kids with a strong belief in family and living life in the moment. His favorite people now call him Dad, PawPaw, and JDAC; and his favorite moments are often at the beach, watching the grandkids at softball or gymnastics, or days by the pool. If you know JD, you know this may be his retirement, but he won't actually be retired. JD is never one to sit around and you best believe his retirement will be spent doing all the things he loves. JD plans to spend his retirement going on trips and working on all the projects that his wife Amy will give him, and that alone is sure to keep him busy.

**Teresa Dalton** – Mrs. Dalton is a native of Warner Robins and a graduate of Warner Robins High School. She received her bachelor's degree from Fort Valley State, a master's in reading from Walden University, and specialist from Georgia Southwestern. She also has endorsements in Math, Gifted, ESOL, and Teacher Support and Coaching. She has devoted herself to being a lifelong learner. Teri started her career as a paraprofessional at Perry Middle School. Upon receiving her degree, she accepted a job at Parkwood. She spent the last 24 years teaching there. Her duties included many years in second grade, first grade, and EIP reading and math. She is grateful for the Houston County School District and the opportunity to fulfill her calling to teach. Mrs. Dalton looks forward to spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren Grace, Carson, and Jaxson. She is also looking forward to the arrival of three bonus great grandchildren and a great nephew. Her plans include camping with her husband Curtis and pursuing her dream of becoming a published author of children's books. As

God led Mrs. Dalton to Parkwood, she will continue to trust his plan to lead her in the next chapter of her life.

**Stacy Daly** – Ms. Daly is a graduate of the Houston County School District. She attended Parkwood Elementary, Northside Middle and Northside High School. She received a bachelor's degree from Auburn University, a master's from Georgia College & State University, and a specialist from Valdosta State University. She was a teacher and media specialist in Crawford County for nine years and her next 21 years have been spent in Houston County. She served as an Instructional Technology Coordinator for seven years, a media specialist at Warner Robins High School for one year and her last 14 years have been spent in the media center at Matt Arthur Elementary. She has a 24 year old daughter named Savannah. She is looking forward to having time to travel (especially to visit her daughter) and spend time with family and friends. She is also a huge Auburn fan and hopes to attend as many Auburn events as she can!

**Michaela "Michi" Dunmon** – As part of a military family, Mrs. Dunmon traveled and moved around until she graduated high school in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. She worked in various jobs prior to her teaching career. She completed her master's degree in special education from the University of West Florida. She taught Kindergarten – third Grade for six years in Florida then moved with her husband Bill to Warner Robins in 2008. Mrs. Dunmon began teaching at Lake Joy Primary School and taught grades K-2 as an interrelated teacher. In 2014, she earned her Education Specialist in Curriculum and Instruction from Piedmont University. She has spent fourteen years at Lake Joy Primary School and will miss the children and many friends she has made. In retirement, she plans to take some time off and then possibly work part-time. An avid runner and hiker, she will continue to be active running races and trekking up mountains. She will make trips to Florida to visit her parents, extended family, and friends. She also has family members here in Georgia and will have the opportunity to spend more time with them.

**Marcus Estes** – Mark Estes is a native of Macon, Georgia and a 1987 graduate of Southwest High School. He attended Georgia College and State University where he earned his B.S. Ed. in Physical Education in 1992. He returned home to start his career in the Bibb County School System. From 1993-2004, he taught at Cynthia Weir, Springdale, and Rosa Taylor Elementary Schools, and at Southeast High School. In 2005, he came to Houston County to teach and coach at Northside High School and has finished his career at Northside having coached football and baseball. During his career, he is most proud of being a part of Northside's football coaching staff for six football State Championship games and winning three of those Championships in 2005, 2006, and 2014. He also coached Northside's baseball team to an Elite Eight finish in 2009. Mark has been married to his beautiful wife Karen for 28 years. They have three

children: Tyler, Abby, and Caroline. They also have two precious grandsons: Easton and Karter. After retiring, he plans to travel with Karen and spend time with his grandchildren in Carrollton, Georgia.

**Susan Gentry** – Dr. Susan Gentry is a Perry native and a 1988 graduate of Perry High School. She received a bachelor’s degree from Georgia College and State University, a master’s from Georgia Southwestern State University, and both her specialist and doctorate degrees from Argosy University. Dr. Gentry taught for two years in Sumter County before returning home where she has spent the last 28 years with the Houston County School District. She taught little ones for a number of years at Kings Chapel Elementary and Perry Primary School before moving into Gifted Education as a FOCUS teacher. After 3 years with FOCUS, she became an Educational Diagnostician where she was blessed to spend the remainder of her career working with gifted testing across the district. After a super busy last year that included two weddings and a house move, Dr. Gentry looks forward to relaxing a little, spending time with her family, traveling with her husband, and patiently waiting for grandchildren.

**Nancy Gillies** – Nancy Gillies was born and raised in Macon, Georgia. She earned a bachelor’s degree in Art Education from Mercer University and a master’s degree in Integrated Teaching Through the Arts from Lesley University. Ms. Gillies is wrapping up her 30-year career as an elementary art teacher in Houston County. She had the honor of being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Pearl Stephens Elementary and Miller Elementary. Ms. Gillies, like Picasso, feels “Every child is an artist.” She hopes that the hundreds of students she had the opportunity to teach over the years knew that she truly believed in them. Ms. Gillies has three daughters, one son, one granddaughter and five grand-dogs. In retirement, she looks forward to spending more time with family and friends as well as tackling that never ending To-Do list hanging on the refrigerator!

**Diane Gore** – Diane’s journey began with the Houston County School District in 1994. She is forever grateful to Mr. Ed Dyson, Principal at Northside High School, for hiring her as a paraprofessional for the Special Education Department. After completing her first two years at Northside, Diane then transferred to Bonaire Elementary continuing there from 1997 until fall of 2006. Mr. Steve Monday gave her another wonderful opportunity to transfer to Warner Robins High School in the Clerical field in the Attendance Office in 2006, and she was there until her recent retirement. She has three adult kids, and they are proud graduates of Warner Robins High School. Diane has had the privilege and blessing of working with so many wonderful administrators, teachers, staff, parents, and students over the course of these many years. She is grateful for her time and thankful to those who allowed her to be a part of the Houston County School District.

**Phyllis Grane** – A transplant to Warner Robins, Mrs. Grane is a graduate of Northside High School. She received a degree in Applied Mathematics from Auburn University, and her Teaching Certificate in Middle Grades Math and Science from Mercer University. Teaching was her 3rd act, and she enjoyed her 11 ½ years teaching Science at Thomson Middle School. Mrs. Grane looks forward to spending time with her family and being able to travel without a timeframe to consider.

**Lynn Hawkins** – Born and raised in Warner Robins, Lynn attended Parkwood Elementary, Northside Junior and Northside High. (Class of '87 - GO EAGLES!!!) She received her bachelor's degree in Math Education from Georgia Southwestern in 1991, her master's degree in Instructional Technology/Media Specialist from Georgia College in 2002, her 1st specialist from Nova University in Distance Education in 2019 and her 2nd specialist in Instructional Technology from Valdosta State in 2020. (According to her mother, having two specialists made Lynn extra special.) After college, Lynn started her education career in Muscogee County, where she taught Computer Based Instruction (CBI) Math at Jordan High. She moved back home in '93 when she landed a job at the "new high school," HOCO! She remained there for eight years teaching math, sponsoring the yearbook and the math team. In 2001, she transferred to WRHS to teach gifted. After completing her IT/Media degree, she accepted a job at Perry Elementary (PES) as their media specialist. With the impending closure of PES, Lynn took a job as Tabor Middle School's media specialist, and after one year Tabor closed and Thomson Middle opened in its place. So, Lynn packed up the entire library and moved to the new school to open a new library. She loved working at the BIG TMS with the student/teacher/class visits, book fairs, student helpers, WTMS (Student News Show), school store, book club and reading program. She worked at TMS for nine years until 2013 when she accepted a position in Student Services as a Technology Specialist. Here, Lynn worked with a vast number of people and events, i.e., SPED Teachers, OTPT, Nurses, School Psychologists, the SHARKS, Social Services, Child Find, Special Olympics, and CEC Awards. In the later part of her career, she joined the Curriculum Integration Specialist (CIS) team, where she enjoyed working as a team with other CIS's and tech services. As for her future endeavors, Lynn will be looking after her 85 year old mother and her best friend with Alzheimer's, both of which she lovingly refers to as her "nursing home patients." In addition to their care, Lynn is looking forward to traveling more, fishing A LOT, taking up golf, learning Spanish, and trying her hand at a soprano saxophone. Her first exciting adventure will be attending her family's 50th family reunion at Bessie's Acres Campground in Farwell, Michigan in August 2022.

**Brett Hardy** – Mr. Hardy is a Perry native and graduated from The Westfield School. He received a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education from Georgia College and an Educational Specialist in Educational Leadership from Troy State University. Mr. Hardy has coached and taught health and physical education for 28

years. He served as the Head Boys Basketball Coach and Cross-Country Coach at Perry High School for 16 of those years and has served the past four years as the Head Boys Basketball Coach for Veterans High School. Mr. Hardy looks forward to now dedicating his time to coaching his son, Hayden, in basketball and golf, visiting with his daughters, Eve and Lydia, in Atlanta and Athens, and relaxing with his wife, Tammy, as they travel to visit with extended family.

**Claudia Harrington** – Mrs. Harrington is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina and a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she received her Bachelor’s degree in industrial relations and psychology. She received her master’s from Mercer University in education and has been a teacher for 16 years. She has taught at Crossroads, Northside Middle, Bonaire Middle and Pearl Stephens Elementary where she was the ESOL teacher. In retirement, Mrs. Harrington plans on traveling, hiking, and crafting (which includes knitting and crocheting). She also plans to spend more time with her husband, Matt, to whom she has been married for 35 years, and her children Chris and Caroline (both graduates of Houston County schools).

**Shirley Harmon** – Dr. Shirley Harmon was raised in Vidalia, Georgia. After graduating from Vidalia Comprehensive High School, she attended Fort Valley State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. She also earned two master’s degrees in Guidance Counseling and Middle Grades Education from Fort Valley State University. She received her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Dr. Harmon has thirty-two years of experience educating and counseling students at Perry Middle School, Northside High School, and Veterans High School. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Jerome Harmon, and they have been married for thirty-three years. They have two adult sons Jerome, Jr. and Corey. She has several hobbies and activities to fill her time after retirement. She enjoys painting, writing, wine making, and home brewing. She is also a realtor and life coach. Most importantly, she is looking forward to spending more time with her granddaughter, Sylvia, who is six months old. The next chapter of her journey is the start of a new adventure!

**Lisa Hill** – After 15 years in business and industry, Lisa answered the call to education serving at Bert Rumble and Bonaire Middle School. Igniting a love for reading, matching kids (and adults!) with books, teaching reading support classes, and supporting teachers by matching materials to standards are highlights of her years as a media specialist. Teaching ethics at GMC and a desire to work at a deeper level with students and teachers led to the opportunity to serve as Assistant Principal for Discipline at BMS. Investing in students, teachers, and parents in the tumultuous middle school years has been incredibly rewarding, full of laughter (you can’t make this stuff up!), tears, and great memories. Now, Lisa, Ricky, and their family will enjoy

many new adventures as they try to stay out of trouble, keep most of their plants alive, and serve Jesus wherever they go.

**Carri Honican** – Ms. Honican has lived most of her life here in Georgia. She moved here with her parents where she attended Warner Robins High School and met and married her husband. Sadly, her husband passed away. They have three children, Laura, Lila, and Jason who attended various schools up until high school. Ms. Honican met another love, Gary, and they moved to Kathleen and raised their children, including their son, Scott. Laura, Lila, Jason, and Scott have all graduated from Perry High School. They all were also part of the Perry High School Band. Ms. Honican started as a permanent sub at Perdue Elementary, then became employed with Houston County School District at Perry Middle. She has been there for 18 ½ years. She is ready to spend time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also, she plans to do some much needed deep spring cleaning. She loves researching her family tree and hopes to get back into it. She also hopes to do some traveling and visit family.

**Keith Hood** – Mr. Hood was born and raised in Bibb County and is a graduate of Cochran Field Christian Academy. He attended Macon Jr. College before joining the United States Navy where he served for 11 years as a sonar technician aboard two Fleet Ballistic Nuclear Submarines: USS James Madison SSBN 627 and USS Henry L. Stimson SSBN 655. He received a bachelor's degree from Mercer University, and master's and specialist degrees from Georgia College and State University. He began his teaching career at Northside Middle School. After five years, he became a charter faculty member at Bonaire Middle School where he has taught 8th grade Georgia History for 26 years. After 31 years of teaching, Mr. Hood is looking forward to spending time at home with his wife, Laurie. He will also enjoy substitute teaching, as needed, for his two daughters Anna Bloser and Emily Syler. Best of all, he is planning many adventures with his dog Nellie.

**Lorinda Hultquist** – Mrs. Hultquist came to Warner Robins in 1996 when her husband Todd was transferred here for the Air Force. She started working for Houston County in 1997 as a substitute teacher. In 2001, she started working full time as a Kindergarten Paraprofessional at Perdue Elementary and moved to Lake Joy Primary when it opened in 2003. In her retirement, she looks forward to devoting more time to her husband and grandchildren Luke (6) and Ariel (13).

**Gay Iannuzzi** – Twenty years ago, Mrs. Iannuzzi felt called to apply for a paraprofessional's position with the Houston County School District. God planted her at Bonaire Elementary for 18 years and in 2020, moved her to a bright and shiny new school, Bonaire Primary. She has enjoyed serving the students and families of Houston County and has accumulated a lifetime of treasured memories. Mrs. Iannuzzi looks



forward to spending time with her one and only granddaughter, Seraphina and all of her family and friends. She also hopes to take many amazing adventures with her husband of 36 years, Paul.

**Paul Iannuzzi** – Paul began his career at the Houston County School District in 1998 helping get Technology Services started in the system as the Network Engineer. He began networking the entire school system with its first networks and computer systems; and wow, after 24 years, look at it now! He has had the pleasure of working with so many wonderful co-workers and people over his 24 years in the system who are now life-long friends. Paul looks forward to sleeping in, traveling and spending time with his wife of 36 years, as well as his granddaughter and family members. He feels greatly blessed and looks forward to this next chapter in his life (UNPLUGGED).

**Dennis Jolissaint** – Major Jolissaint graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1973. He attended Louisiana Tech University and received a Bachelor of Science in Professional Aviation in 1976. Maj. Jolissaint received his Masters of Aviation Science Technology degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 1985. He is a retired United States Air Force Senior Pilot. Maj. Jolissaint began teaching AFJROTC at F.W. Springstead HS, FL-952 in 2004. He has been at NHS AFJROTC GA-062 since 2011. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Ann, since 1973. They have four children and nine grandchildren.

**Karen Jones** – Mrs. Jones is a native of Warner Robins and a graduate of the Houston County School District, where she attended Centerville Elementary, Northside Jr. High School and Northside High School. She received an associate's degree in General Business from Macon Jr. College and received her CNA from Central Georgia Technical School. She started her career as a substitute teacher, then was a Kindergarten paraprofessional for 1 ½ years, a Med Tech for 16 ½ years and has been an ATS clerk for 8 years. Mrs. Jones looks forward to RVing with her husband of 36 years, Lee. She also plans to devote more time to her children, grandchildren, and family.

**Debbie Keene** – Ms. Keene is a longtime resident of Warner Robins. She is a graduate of Warner Robins High School. She has worked at Warner Robins Middle School, cooking and serving for the Warrior students for 26 years. She plans to spend time with her family and doing her favorite pastimes of word puzzles and working in her yard.

**Dorothy "Chris" Lane** – Mrs. Lane is a native of Milledgeville, Georgia where she received her bachelor's degree from Georgia College & State University. Mrs. Lane has been an elementary teacher for 38 years. She has been blessed to work in Georgia, Texas, and South Carolina where she enjoyed teaching Kindergarten through 5th grade.

She has spent the last three years teaching third grade at Parkwood Elementary School. Mrs. Lane looks forward to having time to devote to her family, especially her grandbabies, Payton and Coba.

**Sharon Lewis** – Ms. Lewis is a native of Fort Valley and a graduate of the Peach County School District. She received a bachelor's degree from Fort Valley State University, master's degrees from Fort Valley State University and Troy State University, and an Education Specialist degree from Troy State University. Ms. Lewis has been in education for 34 years. She has taught in Peach County for 20 years, Okinawa, Japan for 3 years, Bibb County for 7 years and Houston County for 3 years. Ms. Lewis is not your traditional educator. She planned to use her undergraduate degree in Mass Communications working in TV broadcasting. However, after graduation, she began a long-term substitution position in middle school and realized that teaching was her calling! She worked one year as a special education paraprofessional while she pursued a master's in education. Since then, she has taught middle school for 26 years and 7 years in high school. Ms. Lewis likes spending time with family, friends and her sorority members. Her plans are to spend as much time reading, traveling and shopping as she can and in no particular order!

**Mary Catherine Musselwhite Liberty** – Mrs. Liberty is a native of Warner Robins and a proud product of the Houston County School District. She graduated from Warner Robins High School and then received a bachelor's degree from Georgia College and a master's degree from Valdosta State University. She has been an interrelated paraprofessional for the past 10 years at David Perdue Elementary School. This was a second career for Mrs. Liberty, and she has enjoyed every minute of her time at David Perdue Elementary. Mrs. Liberty is the Wedding Director at a local venue, a Cookie School Instructor, and enjoys photography and baking. These hobbies will keep her busy, but she most looks forward to spending time traveling with her husband, Earl and daughter, Abigail.

**Cheryl Manns** – Cheryl was born and educated in Georgia. Her life changed when she graduated from high school. First, she joined the United States Army and then married her high school sweetheart, Gene Manns. Cheryl earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Fort Valley State University and her specialist degree from Nova Southeastern University. She has enjoyed her teaching career, and now it's time for new adventures and a simpler way of life. Cheryl hopes to remain in contact with her Thomson colleagues and to keep the friendships going. But, the majority of her time will be consumed with traveling and family – husband, four sons, four daughters, and five grandchildren.

**John Masters** – John “Lee” Masters was born in Birmingham, Alabama, but has lived and taught art in Central Georgia since 1995. John graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Studio Arts in 1985 from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. He then worked as a designer in New York and Philadelphia for several years before returning to Birmingham to work on his Masters in Arts Education. After receiving his M.A. he moved to Central Georgia and began his educational career at Weaver Middle School in Macon. After ten years, he was hired to fill the visual arts position at Northside High School in 2005 and has been there to the present. Throughout his career, he has been honored with multiple awards including awarded Outstanding Arts Educator by the Atlanta Arts Institute as well as Star Teacher of the Year (2021-2022).

**Julie McCoy** – Julie McCoy grew up in Marietta, Georgia where she attended Wheeler High School. She attended the University of Georgia and earned a bachelor’s degree in Music Education, Cum Laude. After her first degree, Ms. McCoy began working in television production in Columbia, South Carolina and Atlanta where she worked for WSB-TV and Good Morning America. Later, she attended Valdosta State University where she earned a master’s degree in Music Education and attended Auburn University where she earned a specialist degree, Magna Cum Laude. She has been a teacher in Houston County for 27 years. She has served as choral director at Tabor Middle School, Feagin Mill Middle School and now Bonaire Middle School. She was awarded Teacher of the Year at all three of those schools and has been in the top ten Houston County Teachers of the Year twice. She loves her students; her two children, Daniel and Amy; and four grandchildren, Ethan, Kayleigh, Charlotte & Audrey. She is a follower of Jesus Christ and a member of Southside Baptist Church. She has a heart for missions and has been a part of mission teams to Dominican Republic, Togo, East Africa & Mombasa, Kenya in West Africa. During retirement, she hopes to spend more time with retired fireman David Dixon and see her family more often – including her five brothers, two children and four grandchildren.

**Janet McGuire** – Ms. McGuire is a resident of Hawkinsville and the mother of two handsome adult sons, Steven and Adam. Jan holds a bachelor's degree in Christianity from Mercer University and attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. She began her 17-year career as a public school teacher through the alternative preparation program and has spent most of that time in Special Education classrooms. She earned a Master of Education from Concordia University Portland. Following retirement, she looks forward to devoting more time serving as Children's Minister at Hawkinsville First United Methodist Church, as well as spending more time with her family members, both human and feline.

**Jenny Millward** – Dr. Jenny Millward is a product of Houston County Schools and has been an educator in the district for 28 years. She earned bachelor’s and master’s

degrees in special education from Georgia Southwestern State University. Her specialist degree in middle grades education is also from Georgia Southwestern State University. Dr. Millward received her doctorate in Curriculum Studies from Georgia Southern University. Her teaching career in Houston County began at Warner Robins Middle School. She then moved to Bonaire Middle School to serve as department chair when it opened in 1996. She served the district as the autism itinerant teacher for three years before becoming a program specialist in 2004. She has proudly served as the Director for Student Services for the past seven years. Dr. Millward's awards include GLRS Special Education Impact Award, 2014; G-CASE Outstanding New Special Education Director, 2018; GAEL Jim Puckett Outstanding Educator, 2020; AAASP Advocacy Award, 2021; Ellen Maltais Chapter of CEC Legacy of Service Award, 2022; and G-CASE Service Award, 2022. Under her leadership, Houston County became the first district in Georgia to fully implement the ASPIRE initiative for student-led IEPs. She has presented numerous times at the local, state, national and international levels on its successful implementation. Dr. Millward is passionate about serving in her professional organization and has held the position of G-CASE legislative chair and co-chair over the past 5 years. This position has allowed her to advocate for special education locally as well as in Atlanta and Washington D.C. She has also served as the G-CASE representative on the State Advisory Panel for Special Education for the previous two years. Dr. Millward will continue to advocate for children with disabilities in retirement as the Executive Director of the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education. She also plans to continue service to her community through church and her position on the board of the local ZTA Alumnae chapter. She is also looking forward to spending quality time with her husband, Shawn, her son, Will, her step children, and extended family.

**Tamala Morrow** – Mrs. Morrow is a native of Perry where she attended Perry schools and is a proud Panther! She began her teaching career at Tucker Elementary where she attended first through fifth grade as a child then moved on to Kings Chapel Elementary where she attended sixth grade. She attended Georgia Southwestern College and then later received her master's and specialist degrees from Piedmont College. Mrs. Morrow is married to Hoke Morrow. They have 2 children and a grandson on the way! She plans to read more, walk more, travel and enjoy every moment she can with her family and grandson after retirement!

**Rebekah Colson Mullis** – Mrs. Mullis is a native of Dodge County. She received a bachelor's degree from Mercer University and a master's and specialist degree from Georgia Southwestern. She has taught at Warner Robins High School for three years after spending 26 years teaching in Dodge County at the middle and high schools. Mrs. Mullis, a real estate broker, is excited to open her own agency in June. In addition to

pursuing real estate full time, she also looks forward to traveling, fishing, and spending time with her husband, children, and granddaughter, Layla.

**Charles Odum** – Mr. Odum is a native of Lakeland, Florida and a graduate of the Polk County Florida School District. He received a Diploma in Theology from Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and was the Director of Alumni Affairs for the university until 1991. He has since pastored churches in Virginia and Georgia. Mr. Odum has served Houston County, first as a school bus driver for 9 years, and now as a bus assistant. He is looking forward to spending more time with his wife of 46 years, Jenny, and sleeping in a couple of extra hours in the mornings.

**Rosalia Pagala** – Momma Rose has worked in school nutrition for over 14 years at Warner Robins High School. She was the students' favorite server. No matter what line she served, the students followed. At 84, she worked circles around everyone and had more energy to share. Her plans after retirement includes visits with her grandkids, family and friends in California and Hawaii. For relaxation...well, there is none, because her garden is attended from sunrise to sunset.

**April Pearson** – April is a native of Perry. She received a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education as well as a Reading Endorsement from Georgia College and State University. April began her teaching career in Bibb County; however, she spent the last 21 years in Houston County. She has taught 3rd grade, 5th grade, and has been both an EIP Reading Teacher and an EIP Math teacher. In retirement, April looks forward to spending more time with her family and friends. Her son, John Garrett, recently graduated from Georgia College and State University, and her daughter, Gracie, is a rising junior at the University of Georgia. She is most excited about being able to travel spontaneously, reading the large stack of books beside her bed, and no more 6:30 a.m. alarms.

**Cindy Peeler** – Cindy is an alumni of Warner High School and has had the privilege to spend the last eight of her 20 years of service to Houston County School District serving as a Medical Tech. She started her service at David Perdue Elementary as their SST clerk for four years, then to Feagin Mill Middle as their Medical Tech. She is looking forward to spending her retirement doing some of her favorite hobbies, traveling, gardening, Bunco, and most of all, spending time with her family and lifelong friends.

**Khoeun Phin** – Mrs. Phin was born in Cambodia. She and her husband Sin Phin came to America in 1979, and are both now U.S. Citizens. She has worked in various food restaurants and schools all her life. She has worked for Houston County School District for 20 years. She plans to spend her retirement gardening and playing with her two grandchildren, Aaron & Myles.

**Barbara Porter** – Barbara was born in Marshallville. She attended Macon County High School and then went to Fort Valley State College for 2 and a half years. She majored in Early Child Education. She is married and has one son and two grandchildren. Her hobbies are watching TV and playing spades. She has been with the Houston County School District for 10 years. “I love my job, and I’ve learned a lot. I recently won an award from the Council of Exceptional Children for my diligence and dedication supporting exceptional children. I take pride in learning about my students and staff who come through my line. I am going to miss them dearly. My motto is to ‘treat people the way you want to be treated.’ That’s The Golden Rule!”

**Deborah Powell** – The wonderful Mrs. Deborah Powell retired at the beginning of this school year after having served 22 years in education, with 21 years being at Warner Robins Middle School. She has done practically everything under the sun, from teaching Math to ISS and everything in between. Always willing to help where needed, Mrs. Powell has been an essential part in making WRMS a great school. Her loving and kind spirit will be missed. She looks forward to traveling more and spending time with her family.

**Dorothy Radcliff** – Mrs. Radcliff is a native of Detroit, Michigan. She graduated from Martin Luther King High School in Detroit. She entered the United States Air Force where she retired after 20 years of service. She’s been a bus assistant with the Houston County School District for 12 years. Mrs. Radcliff is looking forward to spending time with her family and going on cruises.

**Karen Richardson** – Ms. Richardson is a native of Warner Robins. She went to Miller Elementary, Warner Robins Junior High and graduated from Warner Robins High School. She received a bachelor’s degree from Georgia College. Prior to teaching in Houston County, she taught in Peach County. She has taught 23 years at Northside Elementary School, teaching Kindergarten, first and second grades. Ms. Richardson looks forward to a trip to Glacier National Park, Montana for her daughter Lauren’s wedding and having time to devote to her family, especially her precious curly headed grandson, Asa. It looks like round two of teaching will be devoted to Asa!

**Robert Robbins** – Robert moved to Warner Robins from Grand Forks North Dakota after his retirement from the Air Force with his wife who was stationed at Robins AFB . He earned a bachelor’s degree from Georgia Southwestern State University, a master’s from Troy State, and a specialist from Piedmont College. He has been a teacher at Northside Middle for 19 years, where he taught seventh grade Social Studies, then transferred into the Technology & Engineering class where he finished his career. Mr.

Robbins looks forward to a long walk on the Appalachian Trail and traveling with his wife, Arlene.

**Patricia “Gina” Rowland** – Mrs. Rowland graduated from Mercer University with a Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Education. She earned a master’s degree from Georgia Southwestern followed by a specialist degree in educational leadership from Columbus State University. She has served the Houston County School District since 1994. She began her career teaching 6th and 7th grades at Perry Middle School. In 2005, Mrs. Rowland became a district elementary math coach. As a math coach, she helped support teachers and students in many schools throughout the district. Mrs. Rowland has been the Assistant Principal of Instruction at Eagle Springs Elementary since 2016. Mrs. Rowland looks forward to having time to devote to her family, especially her mother, son, granddaughter, brothers and sisters. She and her husband, Ricky, are planning to enjoy the time to do more traveling.

**Christine Sampson** – Ms. Christine Sampson was born and raised in Macon, Georgia as the second oldest of 11 siblings. Upon graduating from Central High, she married and birthed 3 beautiful daughters. During that time, Christine accepted employment with Bibb County and subsequent to that Houston County. From 2001 up to this year, Ms. Christine happily served her fellow staff and students starting at Quail Run Elementary, transitioning to Perdue Primary, and lastly Northside High School. She enjoys cooking, watching her favorite shows and preparing meals for her family and friends. Her favorite dishes are Spaghetti, Beef Stew, and the traditional Soul Food. Ms. Christine also holds a few talents. One in particular is culinary arts, where her skills encompass turning a watermelon into a picnic basket and transforming a cantaloupe into a bouquet of flowers. After retirement, Christine plans to devote time to her family, cater meals, and travel the world.

**Melinda Schroeder** – Melinda is a proud graduate of the Houston County School System. She graduated from Georgia College with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She went on to get her Master of Education in Early Childhood Education from Columbus State University. Finally, she got an Education Specialist in Administration and Supervision from Georgia College. It is with much sadness that she medically retires after teaching 26 years in Houston County. She taught grades 1 – 5. She has been married to her loving husband, Marc, for 24 years. Together, they have two amazing children, Austin – 16 and Harlee – 13.

**Callie Scott** – Callie E. Scott is a native of Decatur, Alabama. She moved to Houston County because of her husband’s military career. She began working with the School Nutrition Program in 2011 and has served students at several schools throughout the district. Mrs. Scott is retiring for a second time after a 23-year career with NAF. She has

7 children, 26 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Scott says she will spend her retirement arranging flowers and spending time with relatives.

**Toni Simmons** – Toni is a native of Plantation, Florida and a graduate of the Broward County School District. She received a bachelor's degree from Barry University in North Miami and her master's degree from the University of Phoenix. She began her career in 1990 as a first grade teacher at Royal Palm Elementary. In 1994, Toni became an academic coach and mentor teacher at three elementary schools. Additionally, she served as a consultant for SRA and conducted many district teacher trainings in her field. In 1998, Toni relocated to Warner Robins and began her dream job of teaching at Quail Run Elementary School. Quail Run has been her home away from home since that time. She has been privileged to teach fifth, pre-K, second, and third grades. After 32 years, she will now travel with her husband, Steve in their fifth wheel embarking on new adventures. When they are parked at home, she will devote her time to her children, Emily and Russell, and to spoiling her granddaughter, Preslee.

**Brenda Simon** – Ms. Brenda Simon is a native of Perry. Ms. Simon was married to the late Albert Simon, who also retired from the Houston County School District in 2020. Ms. Simon is the proud parent of three children and five grandchildren. During her spare time, she enjoys gardening, spending time with her family, and shopping. Ms. Simon is looking forward to enjoying life by traveling and spending time with family.

**Johnna Spires** – Mrs. Spires was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. Along with her family, she moved to Georgia immediately following high school graduation. She received her associate's degree in business administration from Macon State College. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia in business education and a master's degree from Georgia College and State University. She has been a teacher at Northside High School for 22 years. She previously taught five years at Peach County High School during two stints. She was "temporarily retired" while her children were young and returned to Peach County High after 10 years. Mrs. Spires is looking forward to being retired again to spend more time with her husband, children, grandchildren, family and friends. She also looks forward to traveling with her husband any time she can, instead of just when school is out. She loves working in her flower gardens and plans to complete many projects she has postponed.

**April Strevig** – Dr. Strevig lived in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Texas, and Kansas growing up. She is a 1989 graduate of Rose Hill High School in Rose Hill, Kansas where she decided she wanted to become a teacher. She received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 1993 from Wichita State University (KS). She taught 5th grade in Kansas for three years before moving to Warner Robins in 1996. With the Houston County School District, she taught 5th grade for five years at Centerville Elementary



while pursuing her master's degree in Administration and Supervision from Georgia College and State University (1998). She then served for three years as the Assistant Principal for Instruction at Pearl Stephens Elementary, and five years as Assistant Principal for Discipline at Perry Primary, Perdue Primary, and Perdue Elementary, while completing her Educational Specialist in Educational Leadership from Columbus State University (2004). In 2009, she completed her Doctor of Educational Leadership from Valdosta State University and became Principal at Lake Joy Primary School. During this time, she has also served as an adjunct professor for Valdosta State University, teaching graduate school in the Department of Curriculum, Leadership, and Technology. Dr. Strevig looks forward to new adventures and spending time with her family, especially her sons, Michael and Jordan, her daughter-in-law, Ashlynn, her love, Greg, and her parents, Bill and Cheryl.

**Jacqueline Styles** – Mrs. Styles is a native of Perry and a graduate of the Houston County School District. She has been a paraprofessional for 24 ½ years, mostly with middle and high school and has been at WIN Academy for 16 years. Mrs. Styles is looking forward to being full time in her ministry, spending time with her family, especially her grandsons, Jayden and Hunter. She also plans to finish sewing projects.

**Sharon Thompson** – Mrs. Thompson is a native of Houston County and graduated from Perry High School in 1979. She started with the Houston County School District on August 25, 1989, as a cafeteria employee until December 1999 and then went to Warner Robins High School from 2000-2022 to be a paraprofessional. Mrs. Thompson is looking forward to relaxing and spending time with family and friends.

**Stephen Thublin** – Stephen has been the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Operations for the Houston County Board of Education for the past 20 years. His previous experience includes five years with Middle Georgia Technical College as Vice President of Administrative Services and twelve years as a Senior Auditor with the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts. He has served as both President and Treasurer of the Georgia Association of School Business Officials, Treasurer of the Perry Area Chamber of Commerce, and completed the Community Leader programs with both the Perry Area and Warner Robins Area Chambers of Commerce. Mr. Thublin was recognized as the Georgia Outstanding Business Official in 2020. He served as an Executive Board Member of the Central Georgia Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He became a certified public accountant in 1995. A native of Mobile, Alabama, Mr. Thublin looks forward to devoting time to his family, especially his grandchildren. He also plans to travel, hunt, fish and to finally become respectable at golf.

**Hillard Turner** – Mr. Turner is a proud product of the Houston County School District! He graduated in 1978 from Perry High School. Because of God's grace, he has worked

in the school district from 1985-2022 for a total of 36.5 years with every year spent at Morningside Elementary! God has smiled on him with good health and a good life. He and his wife, Olivia, are the proud parents of two sons, Hillard III and Joshua. They have six grandchildren and are raising their eight-year-old granddaughter Kalee. Although Mr. Turner will miss his Morningside family, he is excited about retirement and plans on spending his time with family, relaxing, and helping his wife in their beautiful flowerbeds. With God by his side, he is certain he will continue to have a good life!

**Edwin Vazquez** – Mr. Vazquez is a native of Ponce, Puerto Rico, and grew up in the town of Willimantic, Connecticut. He received his undergraduate degree in Business Administration with a minor in Computer Information Systems from Saint Leo University, near Tampa, Florida. Mr. Vazquez earned his Master of Arts in Teaching from Georgia College & State University in 2008, after serving in the Air Force for 22 years as a Senior Master Sergeant and retiring in 2005. In 2006, he began working in the Houston County School District as an Air Force JROTC instructor at Houston County High School. In 2008, he began teaching Spanish at Houston County High School and Perry High School, and in 2010, he joined the staff at Veterans High School. He is married to Alana Vazquez of Long Island, New York, who is a teacher at Lake Joy Primary. Mr. Vazquez and Alana have three adult children: Edwin, Adrian, and Alena. In his free time, Mr. Vazquez enjoys spending time with his family. Upon retirement, he is looking forward to visiting his extended family in Orlando, Florida and completing projects around the house.

**Robin Wade** – Mrs. Wade was born in Valdosta, Georgia and was a graduate of Lowndes High School. She met her awesome husband, Victor Wade, at Valdosta State University and earned a bachelor's degree in Accounting. As an Air Force family, they lived in many locations and eventually landed in Warner Robins. Mrs. Wade began her 16 ½ year career with Houston County as a Kindergarten parapro at Parkwood Elementary in 2006. She eventually moved to Demon Country in the front office and has been the bookkeeper for 15 years. She has loved being a part of the WRHS family but cannot wait to spend more time with her family: Victor, James, Jaime, Kelsey and her sweet grandsons, Jacob, Judah, and Jonathan!

**Robin Walker** – Mrs. Walker lives in Bonaire with her husband, Gerry. They have three children, two daughter-in-laws, and one son-in-law. They also have 6 grandchildren, who are their hearts. In 1994, Mrs. Walker joined the Houston County School District family. Mrs. Walker started at Miller Elementary as a Pre-K paraprofessional. She worked in Pre-K for seven years. Mrs. Walker has also worked at Linwood Elementary and CB Watson Primary where she was a Kindergarten paraprofessional for 21 years. Mrs. Walker is looking forward to her retirement where she can spend time doing the

things she loves like sewing, crocheting, reading, working in the yard, drinking coffee, and spending time with family!

**Ronnie Walker** – Ronnie Walker is a native of Roberta, Georgia and a graduate of the Crawford County School District. He received a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Fort Valley State University, a Master of Science in Mathematics from Georgia Southwestern University, an Educational Specialist in Leadership from Troy State University, and a doctorate degree in Leadership from Argosy University. He has taught high school mathematics and coached for 16 years. He served as assistant principal for Warner Robins High School for eight years and he spent the last fourteen years serving as principal for WIN Academy. Ronnie plans to spend time in the gym, tending to his gardens and serving others upon retirement. Most importantly, he will enjoy the company of his soul mate and wife, Carita, who has been right by his side all these years. Ronnie is also looking forward to spending more time with his beautiful daughters, Mercedes and Brittney, and energetic grandchildren, Mason and Nolan.

**Kim Waters** – Kim is a Perry High graduate. She has a bachelor's and a master's degree in early childhood education from Georgia College, and a specialist degree in curriculum and instruction from Piedmont College. Kim has been at Kings Chapel for all 33 years of her teaching career! She is married to Charlie and they have two sons in college. She is looking forward to spending more time with her family. She plans on traveling some and will frequent the shops and the beach!

**Sandra Waters** – Ms. Waters moved to Warner Robins as a senior in high school. She was a military child and has lived in several different places. She is a graduate of Warner Robins High School. She received her Bachelor's of Science in Early Childhood Education from West Georgia College. Ms. Waters has a Master's of Divinity and Christian Education from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She also has a master's degree in Reading and Literacy from Walden University. Ms. Waters taught in Twiggs County for eight years and has been in Houston County for 22 years. She has been at Shirley Hills Elementary School for all 22 years. While looking forward to retirement, Ms. Waters is going to miss her family at Shirley Hills. They have been with her through the good and bad for many years. She looks forward to relaxing, volunteering, and choosing a new hobby.

**Danny Watt** – Danny Watt was born and raised in Warner Robins. She graduated from Warner Robins High School in 1986. Upon graduation, Mrs. Watt attended Macon College where she received her associate's degree and then attended Georgia College, Dublin Campus where she obtained her bachelor's degree. After her three children were old enough to attend school, she completed her master's degree in Reading & Literacy from Walden University. Mrs. Watt began her career in the fall of 1992 at

Thomas Elementary School teaching second grade. She was recognized as first runner-up to the New Teacher of the Year. When Thomas Elementary closed in 1994, she moved to the new school on the other side of town, Quail Run Elementary. In 1998, Mrs. Watt transferred to Bonaire Elementary where she continued to teach second grade for one more year. She began teaching first grade in 1999 and has been there ever since. She was honored with being Bonaire Elementary's Teacher of the Year in 2011. Mrs. Watt made one more move to Bonaire Primary in 2020 where she was recognized as the Teacher of the Year for 2021. Mrs. Watt looks forward to spending time with her husband, Joey and their three children, Morgan, Joseph, and Stuart, son-in-law, Ian, her first grandson, Daniel and her mom, Sandy. She wants to fulfill her long-time dream of going on an Alaskan whale watch. She enjoys taking pictures so she will have more time to pursue that hobby, as well as reading the stack of books on her bedside table that have been waiting to be read.

**Carmen Washington** – Mrs. Washington is a native of Louisiana. She left Louisiana in 1986 to join the Army. In 2006, she retired from the Army. After retirement, she moved to Byron with her husband and two sons. She received a bachelor's degree from Columbia College and a master's degree from Walden University. Mrs. Washington has been a teacher at Perry Middle School for the past five years. Prior to that, she was a teacher in Peach County and Bibb County. Mrs. Washington looks forward to spending time with her grandsons Isaiah "Suga Baby" and Léon "Suga Bear". She also plans to do some traveling with her husband.

**Celia Wells** – Mrs. Wells is a native of Houston, Texas and was educated in the Harris County School District. Mrs. Wells became a transplant to Perry in 1977. She has served the Houston County School District for 25 years in the Transportation department. During the same years, she ran her own licensed business in Houston County. She is looking forward to retirement to travel and spend more time with family, grandchildren and friends. Her further joy is to continue expanding her work as a volunteer in her bible education activities.

**Paula Williams** – Ms. Williams is a native of Warner Robins and a graduate of the Houston County School District. She attended Georgia Southern University, received an associate's degree from Macon State College, a bachelor's degree from Mercer University, and a master's degree from Walden University. She taught at Russell Elementary, Pearl Stephens Elementary, Bonaire Elementary and Bonaire Primary. Ms. Williams taught 4th grade, first grade for 10 years, kindergarten for 10 years, and 1 year in Pre-K. Ms. Williams loves to teach students to read. She has two children who are graduates from Houston County School District, Daniel Williams and Liz Williams Ambrus. She plan to spend time with her two grandchildren, travel, and master gardening adventures.

**Jeanette Wolfork** – Mrs. Wolfork is a native of Fort Valley and a graduate of Peach County High School. She received her educational degrees from Georgia College and State University and The Fort Valley State University. She has spent her twenty plus years of teaching as a Middle School English teacher at Upson-Lee Alternative School, Fort Valley Middle School and Houston County WIN Academy. Mrs. Wolfork will spend her time traveling with her wonderful husband, hanging out with her devoted children and family members, walking and exercising just a little bit, appreciating the simple things in life, and praising God for all of his beautiful blessings.

**Jimmy Womack** – Jimmy was raised in Perry. He has worked for Houston County School District for 22 years. Prior to becoming a bus driver, Mr. Womack was a self-employed carpenter. He loves wood working. Mr. Womack just celebrated his 80th birthday on May 8, 2022. In retirement, Mr. Womack looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Jeannette, of 57 years.

**Lynn Wood** – Mrs. Wood began her 20-year educational journey at Perdue Elementary as a kindergarten paraprofessional. She transferred to Lake Joy Elementary and earned her master's degree from Georgia College and State University. As a media specialist, she opened the media center at the new Lake Joy Elementary School in 2007. In 2010, she established a summer Book Mobile program which continues to serve her students. Mrs. Wood was a Top 5 Finalist for Houston County Teacher of the Year for 2009-2010. Since 2013, Lake Joy has received over \$180,000 from the annual school-wide novel and Read-a-Thon fundraiser which she developed and spear-headed. Her greatest accomplishment remains getting the right book in the hands of her students and teachers. Mrs. Wood looks forward to reading to her grandchildren, reading on the beach, and reading in her flower garden.

**Leigh Woodyard** – Leigh began teaching at Centerville Elementary School in 1989. During her 33 years at Centerville Elementary School, she has taught Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. She and her husband, Krag, have been married for 33 years and have four children, Ryan, Tyler, Rachel and Trevor. They have added two wonderful daughter-in-laws, Megan and Kaylee, and a granddaughter, Lilly, to their family...all the reasons in the world to retire!

**Carl Wright** – Carl is a native of Peach County. He attended Peach County Public School System. He has lived in Houston County for 33 years. He was employed for the Houston County School District for 45 years. He worked at Northside High School for 13 years and 32 years in the Maintenance Department. He is now looking forward to spending more time with his lovely wife, Barbara Wright, and traveling.

**Shelby Wright** – Shelby is a native of Warner Robins and a graduate of Houston County Schools. She is a Shirley Hills Elementary School Mustang, Warner Robins Junior High Warrior, and a proud 1991 Warner Robins High School Demon! She received her bachelor’s degree at Georgia College and master’s degree at Georgia Southwestern. She has taught 27 years, with 23 of those being in Houston County. She also taught a short time in Chatham County and a few years in Effingham County. Shelby started her career at Quail Run Elementary School in Pre-K and is finishing up at Warner Robins Middle School teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math. In between, she taught 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades at David Perdue Primary, Quail Run and Hilltop Elementary. Shelby is looking forward to moving on to “Work Phase 2” of her life and will start training with Southwest Airlines this summer in Dallas as a flight attendant. She will devote her time to her daughter, Lainey, who is starting middle school next year at Feagin Mill. Other than that, she’ll probably be found somewhere wastin’ away in Key West or eating Dole Whips at Disney World.

**Elizabeth “Beth” Wynn** – Elizabeth has been using her creativity, love, and passion to teach students for 30 years. Her motto during her teaching career has been “May All Who Enter Learn to Love and Love to Learn.” During her journey as a teacher, she has taught Kindergarten, first, second, and third grades. She has had the pleasure of serving in several schools including Byron Elementary, Hunt Elementary, and Morningside Elementary. She was honored by being chosen for Morningside Elementary’s Teacher of the Year in 2018 and Peach County’s Teacher of the Year in 2001. Mrs. Wynn believed that all her students could learn and adapted her teaching to fit many different learning styles. It was not unusual to see her class dancing, singing, painting, putting on puppet shows, using hands-on learning games, or creating projects to extend learning. Mrs. Wynn stated that teaching was her dream job. She will cherish all the memories, friends, and even the challenges that molded her into the teacher she is today. In retirement, Mrs. Wynn looks forward to spending more time with her husband and family as the next chapter of her life unfolds.






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