



Continuously GROWING

2023 - 2024
Opening Session





**HOUSTON COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

High Achievement for All

Order of Events

Welcome.....	Mrs. Helen Hughes <i>Chair, Board of Education</i>
Presentation of Colors.....	AFJROTC, Warner Robins High
National Anthem.....	Houston County Music Teachers
Pledge of Allegiance.....	Dr. Rick Unruh <i>Vice Chair, Board of Education</i>
Introduction of Special Guests.....	Dr. Mark Scott <i>Superintendent of Schools</i>
Recognition of Event Sponsors.....	Mrs. Jennifer C. Jones <i>Director, Community & School Affairs</i>
Celebrating 2022-2023 Awards and Recognitions.....	Jennifer C. Jones
A Look Back.....	Dr. Mark Scott
Recognition of Employees of the Year.....	Mrs. Jessica Miranda
Recognition of Teachers of the Year.....	Mrs. Jessica Miranda
Presentation of Awards.....	Georgia Delegates, H.E.A. Federal Credit Union, Robins Regional Chamber, Sonny's BBQ, Robins Financial Credit Union, and Hughes Honda
Remarks.....	2023-2024 Houston County Teacher of the Year
A Look Ahead.....	Dr. Mark Scott
Special Guest.....	Mrs. Deborah Roberts <i>ABC News Correspondent, Author, and Perry Native</i>
Let it Grow.....	Houston County Music Teachers
Closing Remarks.....	Dr. Mark Scott



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Employees of the year

Bus DriverBrenda Dunford
Bus MonitorDeastrice Whitehead
CustodianCourtney Anderson, David Perdue Elementary
Distribution CenterDaniel Ward
Maintenance EmployeeRussell Bentley
School Nutrition ManagerKerry Lopez, Westside Elementary



Teachers of the year

Bonaire Elementary	Emilee Coody 
Bonaire Middle	Marla Hutchens
Bonaire Primary	Jessica Hawk 
C.B. Watson Primary	Amanda Crowder
Centerville Elementary	Stacy Coleman 
David Perdue Elementary	Bradley Weaver
David Perdue Primary	Mackenzie Harrelson
Eagle Springs Elementary	Pam Lashley
Feagin Mill Middle	Andre Barnwell
Hilltop Elementary	Christa Franz 
Houston College & Career Academy	Suni Wilson
Houston County High	Jennifer McDaniel
Houston County WIN Academy	Leon Williams
Huntington Middle	Brandi Lofland
Kings Chapel Elementary	Rebecca Matthews
Lake Joy Elementary	Caitlin Meador
Lake Joy Primary	Laverne McGhee 
Langston Road Elementary	Rachel Floyd
Matt Arthur Elementary	Carley Cain 
Miller Elementary	LaGina Bennett
Morningside Elementary	Lindsey Jenkins 
Mossy Creek Middle	Lindsey Scott 
Northside Elementary	LaTonya Maynard
Northside High	Frances Clay
Northside Middle	Shameka Watts
Parkwood Elementary	Tracy Walker-Brown
Pearl Stephens Elementary	Nicole Harrell
Perry High	Tony Whitten
Perry Middle	Jennifer Dykes
Quail Run Elementary	Jan DeVournsey
Russell Elementary	Janet Leathers
Shirley Hills Elementary	Charlene Steeh 
Thomson Middle	Amanda Coggins
Tucker Elementary	Erin Locke
Veterans High	David Shepherd
Warner Robins High	Alfreda Munford
Warner Robins Middle	Karen Hammock
Westside Elementary	Dr. Regina Littlejohn 

Gifted Teacher of the YearDr. Dawn Knapek, Perry High
Media Specialist of the YearJessica Story, Hilltop Elementary

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Deborah Roberts

*Senior National Affairs Correspondent with ABC News,
Author, and Perry High School Alumna*



Deborah Roberts is an award-winning ABC News senior national affairs correspondent for “Nightline,” “Good Morning America” and “World News Tonight with David Muir.” She is also a contributing anchor for “20/20”. A media veteran, Roberts has traveled the world for her reporting. She has served as a substitute anchor for “Good Morning America,” “World News Weekend” and “20/20,” as well as a guest co-host on “The View.”

In 2021, Roberts was awarded a Peabody Award for the “20/20” special “Say Her Name: Breonna Taylor,” which featured her extensive reporting on Taylor’s tragic death. Roberts, who was inducted into the Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame in May, has been awarded multiple Emmy® Awards for her national and international coverage of world events, including the AIDS crisis in Africa and maternal mortality in Bangladesh.

Roberts’ long-form reports on “20/20” have consistently produced extraordinary narratives, such as an intimate profile of former first lady Michelle Obama and former first daughter Ivanka Trump. She was also part of the historic coverage of the inauguration of former President Barack Obama.

Roberts is the author of “Been There, Done That: Family Wisdom For Modern Times,” a book written with her husband, Al Roker. Her latest book, “Lessons Learned and Cherished: The Teacher Who Changed My Life” was released in May. She currently resides in New York City with her husband and two children.

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Dr. Mark Scott

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High Achievement for All

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

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

Our ***values***

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