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2025-2026

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, Northside 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. Richard Rogers <i>Superintendent of Schools</i>
Recognition of Event Sponsors.....	Mrs. Jennifer C. Jones <i>Director, Community & School Affairs</i>
Celebrating 2024-2025 Awards and Recognitions.....	Mrs. Jennifer C. Jones
A Look Back.....	Dr. Richard Rogers
Recognition of Support Person of the Year Finalists.....	Mrs. Jade Thomas <i>2024-2025 Houston County Teacher of the Year</i>
Presentation of Awards.....	Community Partners <i>Perry Area Chamber of Commerce & Robins Financial Credit Union</i>
Recognition of Teachers of the Year.....	Mrs. Jade Thomas
Presentation of Awards.....	Community Partners <i>Houston County Delegates, H.E.A. Federal Credit Union, Robins Regional Chamber, Robins Financial Credit Union, Gottwals Books, and Hughes Honda</i>
Remarks.....	2025-2026 Houston County Teacher of the Year
A Look Ahead.....	Dr. Richard Rogers & Dr. Elgin Mayfield <i>Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, Teaching & Learning</i>
Butterfly Project Introduction	Dr. Dana Wiggins <i>Assistant Superintendent, Student Services</i>
Special Performance	Butterflies and Houston County Music Teachers
Closing Remarks.....	Dr. Chris Brown <i>Deputy Superintendent</i>

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Richard Rogers

Board of Education

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Dr. Rick Unruh, Vice Chair, District 1

Mr. Dave Crockett, District 3

Mr. Mark Ivory, District 6

Mr. Clyde Jackson, Jr., District 7

Mrs. Lori Johnson, District 2

Mr. Jon Nichols, District 4

Support Person of the Year Finalists

DISTRICT LEVEL

District & School Effectiveness	Araceli Ulmer
Human Resources & District Operations	Kelli Sikes
School Operations	Brianna Howard
Student Services	Catherine Sillence
Superintendent & Deputy Superintendent's Office	Claudia McDaniel
Teaching & Learning	Lori Mayfield

SCHOOL LEVEL

Bonaire Elementary School	Rebecca Wesley
Mossy Creek Middle School	Willie Grider
Quail Run Elementary School	Ruth Ann Alexander
Thomson Middle School	Stephanie Brown

Teachers of the Year

Bonaire Elementary School.....	Anna Rentz	★
Bonaire Middle School	Rachel Jackson	
Bonaire Primary School	Michelle Sargent	
C.B. Watson Primary School	Lakendra Haslem	
Centerville Elementary School	Amber Washington	★
David Perdue Elementary School.....	Priscilla Woodard	
David Perdue Primary School.....	Amy von Oven	★
Eagle Springs Elementary School	Diana Nelson	★
Feagin Mill Middle School	Dustin Rainey	
Hilltop Elementary School.....	Wendy Wood	
Houston College & Career Academy	Dr. Brian Cherer	
Houston County High School.....	Dr. Donna Milling	★
Houston County WIN Academy.....	Melody Harris	
Huntington Middle School.....	Dr. Patricia Woodward	
Kings Chapel Elementary School.....	Kelli Barnes	
Lake Joy Elementary School.....	Katlyn Klug	
Lake Joy Primary School.....	Megan Blythe	
Langston Road Elementary School.....	Melanie Pomazal	
Langston Road Primary School.....	Julie Doster	
Matt Arthur Elementary School.....	Ashley Wright	
Matt Arthur Primary School.....	Kathy Jarzynka	
Miller Elementary School.....	Jasmine Griffin	
Morningside Elementary School.....	Tiffany Taylor-Wright	
Mossy Creek Middle School.....	Jake Harvey	★
Northside Elementary School.....	Brooke McKeever	★
Northside High School.....	Debby Rankin	
Northside Middle School.....	Melissa Seward	★
Parkwood Elementary School.....	Dr. Jadedra Gilmore-Barber	
Pearl Stephens Elementary School	Katie Spires	
Perry High School.....	Carrie Lord	
Perry Middle School.....	Erica Mizell	
Quail Run Elementary School.....	JulieAnn Feezor	
Russell Elementary School.....	Janet Mize	
Shirley Hills Elementary School.....	Latoya Herron	
Thomson Middle School.....	Dellissima Carter	
Tucker Elementary School	Kristy Matthews	
Veterans High School.....	Shawn White	★
Warner Robins High School.....	Scott Daniel	★
Warner Robins Middle School.....	Melanie Mann	
Westside Elementary School.....	Emma Bergman	
Gifted Teacher of the Year	Louis Leskosky, Warner Robins High School	
Media Specialist of the Year	Jessie Gardner, Veterans High School	

★ Signifies Top Ten Teacher of the Year Finalist

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

Our **values**

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

The Houston County Way Forward

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