

# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

## A Brief Recap of the Board Meeting & News from Savannah Chatham County Public Schools

Video highlights from the August 10 Board Meeting from Public Information Manager Sheila Blanco. Click [here](#) to watch.



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### **School Opening Update**

At the Formal Meeting of the Board, the Superintendent shared a School Opening/Operational Update for Board Members. In addition to first-day highlights, the report included information on operational priorities and staffing needs.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scps/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CGWPSE5D5FBA>

### **TOTY/ISPY Exchange of Plates**

Mrs. Cherie Goldman who served as the 2020-2022 District Teacher of the Year, as well as the GA State Teacher of the Year, representing Hesse K8 School, along with Mr. Melvin Nesbitt who served as the SCCPSS 2020-2022 Instructional Support Person of the Year from Otis J. Brock, Jr. Elementary were both on hand at the Regular Meeting to officially welcome the incoming Teacher of the Year – Elizabeth Whalen of Charles Ellis Montessori Academy and the incoming Instructional Support Person of the Year for school year 2022-2023, Nurse Natalie Sauers of Jacob G Smith Elementary. Unfortunately, Nurse Sauers was unable to attend the August meeting, but we look forward to seeing her in September!

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scps/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CGWPSF5D5FBB>



## **Resolution to Support the SY 2023 Charter School Comprehensive Performance Framework**

The updated SY 2023 Charter School Chevron Report Template and the Charter School Comprehensive Performance Framework Technical Guide have been reviewed by the Board Accountability Committee and recommended for formal adoption by the Board. The framework supports the requirements of O.C.G.A §20-2- 2065(b)(2) and School Board Rule 160-4-9-.06 that stipulates responsibilities of local Boards of Education. The Charter School Comprehensive Performance Framework consists of seven domains, each listing several indicators, measures, formulas, and possible evidence sources the administration may use. The seven domains are:

- Academic Performance (State and Federal guidelines)
- Academic Performance (Comparison to SCCPSS)
- Learning Environment
- Financial Management
- Human Resource Management
- Operational Performance
- Board Governance & LEA Partnership

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CGWPST5D5FC7>

## **All Aboard the Reading Express!**

The Board approved first-year expenditures in the amount of \$145,142.00 in support of the IAL Grant – All Aboard the Reading Express. The IAL-Grant is intended to leverage community and school partnerships to enhance literacy opportunities and access to free language-appropriate books for students in the Savannah-Chatham County community. The goal of this grant is to provide free access to language-appropriate books for students within our community and schools serving our English-Language Learners. Books for school libraries and at-home libraries will be purchased and literacy instruction will be provided to parents. Books will be purchased from Scholastic and Follett.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CGWPUA5D5FF6>

## **Supply Chain Assistance Grant Approved for School Nutrition Program**

The Georgia Department of Education has awarded the SCCPSS School Nutrition Department funds for COVID Relief for 2019 totaling \$710,699. These funds will be used to purchase, both current and future, domestic foods that are not processed or only minimally processed. The Board approved the amendment of (Fund 600) budgeted revenues and expenditures by \$710,699.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CGXPPZ65A482>

## **SECURITY UPGRADES**

### **New CCTV Security Trailers and Cameras**

The Board approved the purchase of eight (8) security trailers with cameras at a cost of \$277,060.56. The new cameras will be used at various locations throughout the district.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CGWPU75D5FF3>

### **ESPLOST III Funds Used to Purchase Safety and Security Equipment**

The Board approved the transfer of funds for ESPLOST III (Fund 312) to process orders for various school sites for safety, security, and equipment totaling \$729,270.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CGXPPW65A2FF>

## ESPLOST UPDATES

### **Funds Transfer Approved for Additional Land Acquisition for K-12 multi-Campus**

The Board approved an operating transfer to ESPLOST IV for the K-12 multi-Campus additional land acquisition. The Division of Finance plans to use General Fund vacancy accumulation and other expenditure savings that resulted from limited operations because of Covid 19 to provide advanced funding to support this purchase. This transfer will be repaid to the General Fund from ESPLOST and interest revenue collections by the end of calendar year 2023 or as excess funds become available.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CGXQL969CB23>

### **Coastal Middle Interior Renovation Construction Bid Approved**

The Board approved the award of Bid C22-13 (ESPLOST) Coastal Middle School Interior Renovation to RL Construction Group, LLC at a total cost of \$1,198,422.00.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CGWPUK5D5FFF>

### **Construction Management Bid Awarded for Pulaski K8 Conversion**

The Board approved the award of RFP C22-09 (ESPLOST) CMR Services for Pulaski ES K-8 Conversion to Balfour Beatty Construction, LLC in the amount of \$3,122,369.00.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CGWPUL5D6000>

### **Photovoltaic System Installation Approved for K-12 Multi-School Campus**

The Board approved the installation of a new Photovoltaic System at the K-12 Multi-School Campus by Georgia Power at a cost of \$1,199,285.00.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CGWPUM5D6001>

## GOOD NEWS FROM SCCPSS!

### **Keeping students safe: Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools chief talks security**

WJCL, July 26

The start of a new school year is an exciting time, but safety is still in the back of everyone's minds. During the Savannah Chatham County Public Schools back-to-school media day on Tuesday, school police Chief Terry Enoch tackled a big question.

<https://www.wjcl.com/article/keeping-students-safe-savannah-chatham-county-public-schools-chief-talks-security/40722218>

### **Savannah-Chatham schools to provide wellness center for counseling students and staff**

WTOC, July 27

"We recognize that before we can educate our students, we have to make sure our students are well," SCCPSS Superintendent of Secondary Schools Bernadette Ball-Oliver said. "While academics is important, Ball Oliver says investing in kid's mental health is just as important."

This school year will kick off a new wellness center, temporarily located in the student affairs office in the district's building.

<https://www.wtoc.com/2022/07/27/savannah-chatham-schools-provide-wellness-center-counseling-students-staff/>

## **SCCPSS prepares for new school year with relaxed COVID guidelines**

WSAV, July 27

For the first time since 2020, a new school year will start with masks optional for students and staff. But Superintendent Dr. Ann Levett says the last two school years have prepared the district to be ready to pivot and change plans at any moment.

<https://www.wsav.com/news/local-news/sccpss-prepares-for-new-school-year-with-relaxed-covid-guidelines/>

## **'A little extra patience:' SCCPSS officials urge drivers to be aware on 1st day of school**

WTGS, July 27

There will be a lot of our little scholars that are walking to school and often they don't know how to walk with motor vehicles, and they may dart out in front of cars. You may see them at bus stops and as they're having fun, they may run out on the road, they have no real understanding of how the roads and motorists are. So, go slow," said Enoch.

<https://fox28media.com/news/local/sccpss-chatham-county-officials-urging-drivers-to-be-aware-first-day-of-school>

## **Savannah-Chatham Public School System welcomes back staff**

WJCL, July 28

You can just call it one giant pep rally Thursday morning at the Enmarket Arena as the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System welcomed back its teachers and all 5,600 employees with its Convocation 5600.

<https://www.wjcl.com/article/savannah-chatham-public-school-system-welcomes-back-staff/40746566>

## **'We're excited': SCCPSS families, district leaders get ready for new school year**

WSAV, July 30

"It's the start of school so you can hardly sleep, you want everything to go really really well," said Superintendent Dr. Ann Levett. "And for so many of our families they are ready for the children to return to school, and we are ready to receive them. So, we're excited, always a little nervous."

<https://www.wsav.com/news/were-excited-scpss-families-district-leaders-get-ready-for-new-school-year/>

## **SCCPSS hosts back-to-school expo to prepare families for return to school**

WTGS, July 31

Families packed the Savannah Mall on Saturday for a back-to-school expo to pick up free school supplies and learn more about the services provided throughout the county.

The Savannah Chatham County Public School System expected over 15,000 people to pass through the event.

<https://fox28media.com/news/local/sccpss-hosts-back-to-school-expo-to-prepare-families-for-return-to-school-next-week>

## **Getting students ready for college and careers**

WTOC, August 1

As students prepare to start a new school year, many already have an eye on the future. Administrators are helping students find their path and opening new doors along the way.

<https://www.wtoc.com/2022/08/01/getting-students-ready-college-careers/>

## **SCCPSS teaming up with Triple-A for 'School's Open Drive Carefully' campaign**

WTOC, August 1

The school system is partnering with Triple-A again this year for the 'School's Open - Drive Carefully' campaign. They want to remind you it is the law to slow down in school zones, stop when bus lights are flashing, and to stay off your phone especially in school zones.

<https://www.wtoc.com/2022/08/01/sccpss-teaming-up-with-triple-a-schools-open-drive-carefully-campaign/>

## **AAA, governor's office collaborates with SCCPSS to launch road safety campaign**

WTGS, August 1

SCCPSS Campus police chief, Terry Enoch, said that back-to-school means more student foot and bicycle traffic and more opportunities for pedestrian-related accidents. "They're excited, they're running, they're playing, they don't understand the rules of the road," Enoch said. "We have a five-star education, but if they can't get to school safely, then they can't participate in that."

<https://fox28media.com/news/local/sccpss-chatham-county-officials-urging-drivers-to-be-aware-first-day-of-school>

## **SCCPSS students, staff excited to kick off new school year**

WSAV, August 3

School district leaders said they're just as ready and excited to welcome students back. It's the first start of a new school year since 2020 where masks are optional for students and staff.

<https://www.wsav.com/back-to-school/sccpss-students-staff-excited-to-kick-off-new-school-year/>

## **Savannah-Chatham Schools superintendent: 'We are ready to welcome our scholars!'**

Savannah Morning News, August 3

The start of a new school year offers an opportunity for new experiences, new relationships, new knowledge, and new skills for all persons involved in educating and serving children. All signs point to another productive year. We are ready to welcome our scholars!

<https://www.savannahnow.com/story/opinion/columns/2022/08/03/savannah-chatham-county-public-schools-ready-your-student/10210958002/>

## **Haven Elementary to Host Mandarin Teacher**

sccpss.com, August 15

Haven Elementary School is one of nineteen schools nationwide awarded after participating in a nation-wide competition to host a Teachers of Critical Language Program (TCLP) teacher. Chang Ying-yi from Taiwan will teach the Mandarin Chinese Language at Haven Elementary for a full academic year.

<https://www.sccpss.com/Pages/Haven-Elementary-to-Host-Mandarin-Teacher-Through-State-Department-Program-.aspx>

## **'Learning starts today': SCCPSS superintendent joins students for first day of school**

WTGS, August 3, 2022

"You can feel the excitement all over the district," she said. "Families are coming in walking in with their kids this morning. Our seniors are celebrating in anticipation of May. And all in between, you just have wonderful things going on across the district."

<https://fox28media.com/news/local/learning-starts-today-sccpss-superintendent-joins-students-for-first-day-of-school>

## **Savannah-Chatham County students and staff head back to school**

WJCL, August 4

The first day of school was filled with lots of smiles, hugs, and even some dance moves at Robert W. Gadsden Elementary School. Principal Latasha Quarterman said the first day is always the best day. "It's like my first day and I've been in education for over 18 years. Every day is like my first day with the students. So excited. Can't sleep at night anticipating our students coming back," Quarterman said.

<https://www.wjcl.com/article/savannah-chatham-county-back-to-school/40805751>

## **Students return for the first day of school in Chatham County**

A photo gallery from Rich Burkhart

<https://www.savannahnow.com/picture-gallery/news/2022/08/03/students-return-first-day-school-chatham-county/10226228002/>

## **Tybee Island Maritime Academy creates athletic program for students**

WTOC, August 4

TIMA started an athletic program this year. This means students in grades 6-8 can now participate in sports including baseball, cross country, swimming, basketball, volleyball, and soccer. Athletic Director Noel Ingram says they will play against other district teams in the SCCPSS athletic program. Ingram says to go along with the athletic program they created a new logo and are now called the TIMA Tide.

<https://www.wtoc.com/2022/08/04/tybee-island-maritime-academy-creates-athletic-program-students/>

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **Board Accountability Committee Meeting-Equity Subcommittee**

Tuesday, August 30, 2022 - 3:30 PM

Whitney Administrative Complex- Building G