



# HCS BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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## Kindness Week and Heart of Henry

### Better together.

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#### Our Mission

Ensuring Success for EACH Student

#### Our Vision

Building a Culture of Personalized Learning

#### Our Belief

All Learners will Excel in an Environment Centered on RIGOR, RELEVANCE and RELATIONSHIPS



The second week of November each year holds a special meaning for residents of Henry County and members of the Henry County Schools community. The week is known as Kindness Week statewide thanks to State Rep. Andy Welch and his efforts to have a resolution passed by the General Assembly marking the week as such. Rep. Welch is the older brother of the late Hunter Welch. Hunter's family, including his mom, Kit Welch, and his late father, Buddy Welch, were all instrumental in keeping his infectious spirit alive after his sudden passing in 2004. Since then, people all throughout Henry County have donned blue and used the slogan "Kindness Works! Pass It On." to memorialize the spirit of Hunter and encourage people to be kind to one another. This kindness can be shown in a variety of ways.

In coordination with this week, Henry County Schools has started another special recognition for its employees known as "The Heart of Henry." This new recognition features employees in jobs that serve as the backbone to our organization. The first recognition was given to Amy Chatman, a clinic aide at Unity Grove Elementary. Ms. Chatman is a veteran clinic aide, having served the district and school for several years. Her duties include seeing a full schedule of students each day in addition to tending to the needs of other students and staff members not feeling well.



## Veterans Day

Henry County proudly recognizes the role our military members and their families play in supporting and protecting our freedoms. During this time of year, many of our schools recognize our veterans during celebrations held at school. The Ola Elementary school community was able to host a special welcome home for a couple of their students with the surprise return of their dad from a seven-month deployment to Japan.



You can watch the WSB video by clicking here.



Happy Veterans Day to all of our servicemen and servicewomen!



## CCRPI Results Reviewed

The Georgia Department of Education recently released scores for the revamped 2017-18 College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI), including scores for the state, school districts, and individual schools. The scores represent a comprehensive look at school improvement and accountability by utilizing indicators from the 2017-2018 school year.



Overall scores are the accumulation of points from four different components for elementary and middle schools, and five different components for high schools. When added together, scores are calculated on a 100-point scale.

While the scores for the district are not where we want them to be, the district has been focused on improving learning outcomes. For example, the development of the Henry Teaching and Learning Standards (HTLS) and accompanying learning progressions, as well the improvement of reading and writing instruction to help grow literacy skills is already being utilized throughout the district. This work started after the release of the Georgia Milestones Assessment scores. With a heavy focus on those scores as a part of the CCRPI metrics, Henry County Schools began to go to work to address areas needing the most attention while celebrating and enhancing those areas where the district is outperforming the state.

To view more information regarding CCRPI, [click here](#).

## Safety & Security Updates

Out of the community conversations that were held back in March 2018, many participants noted a need for extra layers of protection at our high school campuses. The openness of the front entries were of concern and some wondered if there was a way to stop the free flow of those entering the buildings into the various hallways. As a solution, the school district was able to identify an opportunity to put up security doors to the auxiliary hallways that branch out from the main entrance. These doors, very similar to those seen at our elementary and middle schools, will force those coming into the building after the school day has started to go through the office before making their way out to any other part of the building. The bid for this construction project was approved during the November meeting and work is set to begin shortly. This will be one more added measure of security to ensure the safest of learning environments for our students and staff.

## Dates and Times set for Future BOE Meetings

The board took action to approve their meeting dates and times for next year’s schedule. The study session and business session will take place on the second Monday of each month with the exception of July 2019.

Henry County Board of Education 2019 Meeting Schedule		
Date	Study Meeting	Business Meeting
January 14	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
February 11	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
March 11	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
April 8	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
May 13	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
June 10	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
*July 15	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
August 12	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
September 9	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
October 14	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
November 11	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
December 9	4:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

\* The July 2019 meeting will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.



## Awards and Recognition for Students and Staff



Superintendent's Art Gallery Recognition (Secondary Grades)



HERO Award Winner Van Cheeves



HERO Award Winner Darlene Campbell



HERO Award Winner Nichol Webb



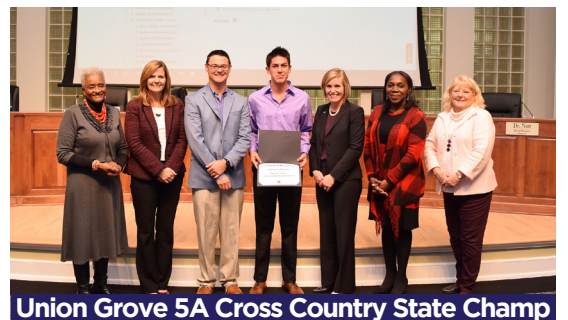
HERO Award Winner Norma Santiago-Bell



HERO Award Winner Rebekah Ross



LGHS Softball State Champs



Union Grove 5A Cross Country State Champ

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School Bus Safety Poster Winner



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Retired Educators Day/Proclamation

## Leadership on the Move

Name	New Position/Location	Former Position/Location
Antonio Mattox	Principal McDonough High School	Assistant Principal Dutchtown High School
Beverly Holyfield	Coordinator CTAE	Coordinator CTAE



# HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

## #BetterTogether

# Board Member Remarks



**Dr. Pam Nutt**  
District 1

- Dr. Nutt shared that last month was exciting with the naming of Kelley Theodocion as HCS Teacher of the Year.
- Dr. Nutt also recognized the special homecoming event for Henry County High School (their last before moving to McDonough High School in 2019) and the football team's run to the state playoffs.
- Her remarks were rounded out with recognition for the Locust Grove High School softball team's back-to-back state championships.



**Josh Hinton**  
Board Chair  
District 2

- Mr. Hinton highlighted a group of 5th grade students from Rocky Creek Elementary for their recent trip to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center.
- Hampton High School's softball team was recognized for their deep run into the playoffs, finishing 3rd in the state in AAAAA.
- The Hampton Youth Council was featured for their recent attendance to a youth symposium in Los Angeles.
- The Young Men of Distinction from Oakland Elementary and Principal Shields earned praise for their efforts in the community.
- Luella High School's band and its recent marching competition victories were the final highlights shared by Mr. Hinton.



**Holly Cobb**  
Board Vice Chair  
District 3

- Mrs. Cobb congratulated the Henry County High School orienteering team for their recent sweep of awards at a local competition.
- Ms. Cobb acknowledged Ola High School for finishing second in the state in the recent cheer-leading competition, and Alyssa Sherling for being named the Georgia Cheerleader of the Year.
- She concluded her remarks by highlighting the CTAE coordinators across the district for their incredible work with students.



**Dr. Donna McBride**  
District 5

- Dr. McBride praised the PBIS coordinator from Henry County High School after a recent successful event held for school community members.
- Dr. McBride also gave kudos to the Stockbridge High School football team for their performance in their first round football playoff game.
- She closed her remarks by highlighting principals Gabe Cerie, Tracie Copper, and Matt Isenberg for their work.



**Annette Edwards**  
District 5

- Mrs. Edwards noted that she was able to participate in a recent mock election at Austin Road Middle School. She shared that she also attended a student shadowing event at the school for parents to come and see what a day is like for their students.
- Mrs. Edwards wrapped up her remarks by highlighting the PTO event that she and Superintendent Davis attended, and she noted the large attendance for the event.



**Mary Elizabeth Davis**  
Superintendent

- Superintendent Davis took the opportunity to recognize the talents and accomplishments of the students and staff members who were recognized during the November Board Meeting.
- Superintendent Davis reminded everyone that it is Kindness Week and the special meaning it has held for the Henry County Schools community for the past 15 years.
- She shared her thanks for the retired educators in Henry County and importance they have to our school system.
- Her remarks concluded with a special thanks to the many veterans and their families on Veterans Day. She thanked them for their service and sacrifice to our country and community.