

SUPERINTENDENT NEWSLETTER

GATES COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"Every child deserves a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists they become the best they can possibly be."- Rita Pierson, Educator



JULY 2017

What's Happening in July



School Board Meeting
Monday July 17, 2017
Board of Education Office
6 pm Business Session



Construction Updates See
page 3 & 4!

Letter to Washington



I think attempting to save our Title II dollars from being cut is very important. Apparently, the House now agrees with the President that PD funds for educators should be cut. I contacted our delegation to strongly suggest to continue funding PD!

NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION

The online registration module of Power School will open up in August. Parents who have current students in our system will be able to access their account and make changes. Changes will include demographics, emergency contacts, verification of receiving the County Handbook, pick up/drop off student information, military,

etc. If a parent desires to change an address, supporting documentation must be provided to the data center. These changes will eliminate the need for individual schools to send home paper copies on the first day of school. Read more on page 2.

School Performance Grading Scale: 15-Point Scale Continues Through 2018-2019 School Year

The 15-point school performance grading scale will continue through both the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years, based on language in last year's budget.

Even though this language is not included in the new conference budget, it still applies, since the language is not contradicted.

In the 2016-2017 NC Budget bill, SECTION 8.19 reads as follows:

"Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-83.15(d), for the 2016-2017 school year, the 2017-2018 school year, and the 2018-2019 school year only, for all schools the total school

performance score shall be converted to a 100-point scale and used to determine a school performance grade based on the following scale:

A school performance score of at least 85 is equivalent to an overall school performance grade of A.

A school performance score of at least 70 is equivalent to an overall school performance grade of B.

A school performance score of at least 55 is equivalent to an overall school performance grade of C.

A school performance score of at least 40 is equivalent to an overall school performance grade of D.

A school performance score of less than 40 is equivalent to an overall school performance grade of F."



Online Registration cont... If a parent desires to change an address, supporting documentation must be provided to the data center. These changes will eliminate the need for individual schools to send home paper copies on the first day of school. If parents have not accessed the system and made the necessary changes and acknowledgements within the first 30 days of school, written notification from the data center will be sent to their homes. If parents do not have access to a computer, smart phone or Internet, paper copies will be provided as a last opportunity. New students coming into the district for the first time will have to enroll online. Everything that would be in a new student packet will be available online. An email will be generated to the data center and they will immediately see students who enroll. The student will not be registered into a school until the parent brings supporting documentation to the data center. Once registered an email will be generated and sent to all who needs the information. The student/parent will be given a registration sheet from the data center to carry to the school.

Central Middle School Project Update

Information

- **Original Building Opened:**
Central High School (currently Central Middle School) was constructed in three major phases;
- 1957 – the 8th grade wing;
- 1965 – the 7th grade wing;
- 1997 – the 6th grade wing
- **Architectural Firm** - Pinnacle
- **Construction Manager** – AR Chesson
- **Projected Completion Date:** Winter 2018



Tentative Schedule through December 2017

- Relocation of all school equipment and material from the administrative and 8th grade wing- **Current – August 18th**
- Permanent Relocation of Utilities to facilitate new work (Phone, Fire Alarm, Intercom, Data, Power)- **Current – August 18th**
- Prepare vacated building for demolition- **August 7th – Mid October**
- Install Construction Safety Fence for traffic flow and student safety during the 2017– 2018 school year- **July 31st – August 4th**
- First Day of School- **August 28th**
- Preparation of Construction Drawings- **Current – August 31st**
- Receive & Review Construction Bids- **August 31st – September 30th**
- Building Demolition- **Mid October- November 30th**
- New Construction Begins- **December 1st**



FACILITIES UPDATE

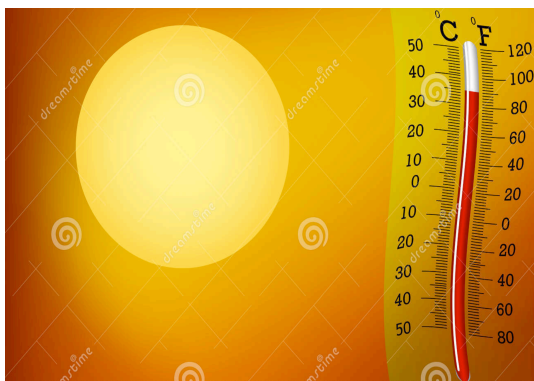
July 7, 2017

The following is an update of the progress at Central Middle:

1. Security alarm and security camera system DVR was moved on June 28th from 8th grade to 6-7th.
2. Fire alarm relocation was completed July 5th.
3. Century Link and NC Sound are scheduled to move phones and intercom by mid July.
4. Installation of the construction fence at Central Middle by early August.
5. Trailer from T.S. Cooper moved to Central Middle School by Brown's Mobile Home. The trailer will be wired and have a wall built in each to make a total of two classrooms.
6. Electric duct heater ordered to be installed. Maintenance will also be working on the installation of temporary walls for the new main entrance at Central, and renovation of EC Trailer at GCHS.

****This information is posted on the webpage!**

Weather - Please be aware for the next few days we may be experiencing high Heat Index ratings based on high temperatures. If you have any employees at your site that are working outdoors, please make sure that you have discussed with them precautions they should take to avoid heat stroke or other side effects. Make sure they are aware of the following:



1. They should drink plenty of fluids
2. Take frequent breaks and come inside if working outdoors
3. Limit long periods of strenuous activities outdoors

If you have an employee who begins to feel side effects from the heat, please make sure they come indoors and if necessary seek medical attention.