

WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNERS WITH STATE TO CLOSE LEARNING GAPS



The Washington County School District continues their work of closing learning gaps that have been experienced by students because of pandemic related issues. In recent years, the school district has layered resources, professional development, and out of the box thinking to address these gaps.

“This is not an overnight process, many of our students experienced a large setback during the pandemic and we have been focused on making progress over the last few years,” Mrs. Vickie Harden, Superintendent of Washington County Schools shared.

Recently, the Georgia Department of Education (GADOE) released the first round of College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) Reports since the pandemic began. GADOE also released three (3) lists of schools that have qualified for additional support from the Georgia Department of Education (GADOE). After receiving these reports and lists, the Superintendent, the Board of Education members, along with other members of the District Leadership Team will soon begin working with GADOE Improvement Specialists to fast-track the progress that has to be made.

Developing the whole child.

“The CCRPI report wasn’t a shock to us, as we knew about and have been diligently working on closing gaps for our students. This will allow us to accelerate the work and introduce enhanced processes and procedures,” Harden shared.

Many reports and studies have shown that students across the nation have been impacted greatly by the pandemic and are experiencing the largest pandemic related learning losses in ELA/Reading and Math. This opportunity will provide the district with more resources to address these learning losses. The state will provide coaching, school improvement funds, and additional professional development.

“It is incredibly important that we continue the work that we have been doing. With added resources from the state DOE, we will be able to speed this process up,” Audra Gilbert, Director of Learning and Teaching stated.

The district shared that they were ready to begin working with the state. “We know that it takes a village, and we are eager to get started. These resources will go a long way in furthering our student development,” Amy Vickers, School Improvement Coordinator stated.

The district has an initial planning meeting with GADOE next week and will hit the ground running and utilize all opportunities that are available to them. “We must do everything we can for the students in this county, and we will continue to work diligently to provide them with every opportunity for their success,” Harden stated.

Expecting students to excel in Academics, Arts, and Athletics.