

COLQUITT COUNTY SCHOOLS

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2022-2023 PRIORITIES

Welcome back to the 2022-2023 school year! We hope you are excited to reconnect with students, families, and each other.

Superintendent Wiggins would like everyone to know that the three priorities for the district this year are:

A⁺ Academic Achievement - We have continued to work on enhancing the curriculum at all levels, providing more educational opportunities for all learners, and setting achievement goals that will give students a firm foundation for lifelong learning.

Customer Service - We want to provide the best service not only to the students but to you, our community partners, and stakeholders. We value your input and participation in the learning process.

School Safety - Last year, we initiated several new school safety tools, including additional classroom cameras and the Anonymous Alert system. This year we will continue to focus on safety as a priority by hiring additional staff dedicated to coordinating with our local law enforcement to implement and evaluate our safety procedures, ensuring we are using all the tools that are available to us related to school safety.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY SUPPLEMENTS



Using Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds, GaDOE estimates the distribution of approximately \$20 million in \$125 Back-to-School Supply Supplements to eligible school employees. **These grants will be provided to full-time teachers, faculty, and staff members employed by a Local Education Agency and work directly with students.**

As with the Governor's Classroom Grants this past spring, GaDOE will use ClassWallet – an online funds management platform – to streamline the distribution of the Governor's \$125 Back-to-School Supply Supplements. Information about the grants will be provided directly to eligible staff via work email. **Eligible employees will receive access to this opportunity between August 1, 2022, and September 1, 2022.**

NEW PHONE SYSTEM



We have new phones! The telephone system and equipment have been upgraded at all schools and locations. Click here for [instructions and features](#). If you have questions or issues with your phone, contact: phonehelp@colquitt.k12.ga.us

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Jarrod Brogdon - Network Services Director
Thaddius Brown - Willie J. Williams Assistant Principal
Cleve Edwards - Athletic Director
Aaron Eubanks - C. A. Gray Junior High Assistant Principal
Kristyn Nelms - GEAR Gifted Center Site Coordinator
Ian Smith - Willie J. Williams Assistant Principal
Ja'Net Smith - R. B. Wright Elementary Assistant Principal

[Click here for more information about our new administrators.](#)

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION BEST PRACTICES

As a general rule, you should not use your work email account to set up a personal profile on any social media platform, to subscribe to any communication that is not work-related or to do any personal business such as household bill payments or shopping accounts. [Click here for the Social and Electronic Media Guidelines.](#)



EMPLOYEE BADGES



All employees will receive a new photo id badge this year. Employees will keep this badge for the length of their employment. Badges will be required to be returned upon leaving the district. Replacement badges will be made for lost badges, name changes, etc. More details to come.



CONFUSED ABOUT YOUR AIG ACCOUNT?

Some employees may notice two retirement accounts when they log into their AIG account. The additional account (403b) was added in the event it was needed for other account transfers. If there is no activity in the account for 13 months, the account will be deleted by AIG.

AIG advisors are available for assistance. [Click for contact information.](#)

[Please click here to read an update on Equitable accounts.](#)



COVID-19 SELF-REPORTING

Please be reminded, if you are experiencing symptoms, complete the [COVID-19 Self-Reporting Form](#).

A VISION--REVISION!



During the 2021-22 school year, the district completed a strategic planning process that brought together stakeholders from across our community and our school district to revisit our Vision, Mission, and Beliefs and plan action steps for improvement.

[Click here for a link to the new Vision, Mission, & Beliefs and the district's Strategic Plan](#)

WEBSITE UPDATE

The district and school websites have a new look! Please get in touch with your school's School Communications Specialist for assistance in updating the content for pages.



PACKER HEALTH CLINIC A School-Based Telehealth Program



The Packer Health Clinic is a school-based telehealth clinic located at every elementary school and GEAR in partnership with Colquitt Regional Medical Center physicians.

Students will be able to be evaluated by a school nurse for acute illnesses such as sore throat, earache, and skin rashes, as well as have lab tests administered for viruses such as flu and strep. The student can have a virtual visit with a physician for diagnosis and treatment if needed.

[Click here for more information.](#)

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a confidential support service offered to employees and their household family members. Individuals are entitled to up to three (3) FREE counseling sessions per person annually. Click the link for more information: [Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#)

