

Our Mission

Catoosa County Public Schools is a student-focused learning community, where excellence is expected from staff and students, every day, without exception.

Our Vision

Catoosa County Public Schools will prepare every child to reach their full potential so they graduate prepared to be good citizens and leaders of the future.

A Message from the Board: *Thank you for another great beginning of school! Superintendent Reese has shared information about the exciting things that are happening in our schools. We also know that our support service department employees are working very hard to make sure our schools are running effectively. Catoosa County Public Schools is recognized as a district of excellence because of your hard work. Always know that the members of the Board of Education appreciate you!*

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You Need to “Know” Before You “Go”

“Know” the Facts of Amendment 1 Before You “Go” Vote on November 8th

On November 8, 2016, the Opportunity School District (OSD) proposal will appear on the general election ballot as Amendment 1 to the Georgia Constitution. If approved, the OSD amendment would create a statewide school district, managed by a state-appointed superintendent, with the power to take over struggling schools. The OSD superintendent would have the authority to close a school, reorganize staff, and fire and hire teachers and principals, without approval from the local community or local board of education.

The citizens of Catoosa County elect school board members to represent the community’s voice on educational matters and to set the vision for the school district. As elected constitutional officers of Georgia, the Catoosa County school board members are responsible for setting educational policies, employing school personnel, providing buildings and equipment, operating a transportation system, and disbursing school funds.

An essential role of school board members is to serve as advocates for the children in local public schools and they must study, evaluate, and decide what actions are in the best interest of the students. As such, school boards represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision-making in education.

The Catoosa County Board of Education believes solutions for improving academic achievement are best made where the learning occurs, at the local school level, with school board oversight and community input.

Catoosa County Public Schools does not have any schools meeting the “struggling schools” criteria; however, the Board of Education urges voters to research the Opportunity School District proposal to make an informed decision before voting on Amendment 1 to the Georgia Constitution.

A significant amount of information – both for and against the amendment – may be found by conducting an Internet search using the key words, “Opportunity School District.”

Please encourage your family and friends to be informed about the implications of Constitutional Amendment 1, the Opportunity School District, before voting on November 8th.