



# Gadsden County Public Schools Reconfiguration News

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Master Plan of tasks in place
- Students making moves toward unity
- District events and orientations scheduled

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## Implementation Begins

On April 26, 2017, the Oversight Committee conducted a meeting with all reconfiguration subcommittees. The meeting was held to review the master plan of all the tasks assigned by the subcommittees to complete the District's reconfiguration.

The subcommittees gave an overview of each task and deadlines for completion from their respective list. Each task will be monitored continuously throughout the reconfiguration process by the Oversight Committee to ensure that completions are occurring within the proposed deadlines. Some tasks have already been completed.

Each subcommittee was instructed about the necessary steps for making adjustments and/or updates to any task or deadline on their list. During the meeting, each team collaboratively discussed resources (time, human or physical) needed to complete the task at hand. The team showed much excitement and commitment as the "pieces of the puzzle" were finally beginning to come together.



*"Great things are  
done by a series of  
small things brought  
together".*

*-- Vincent Van Gogh*

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*"Teamwork is the  
ability to work  
toward a common  
vision."*

*Andrew Carnegie*



## Parents, Community, and Leaders Discuss Implementation Plans

The **Parent and Community Engagement** subcommittee held a community meeting on April 26, 2017 with many individuals, business owners and community leaders from the county. The subcommittee expressed their appreciation to all who have joined forces to make the reconfiguration a smooth transition.

During the meeting, possible strategies were discussed to make improvements throughout the school system along with ways to get community members involved with assisting the District staff with the reconfiguration. Some of the topics of discussion included improving attendance, maintenance and repairs at facilities, improving proficiency levels of students, and the broadening of course offerings and programs provided to students. The audience was given an opportunity to have an open dialogue and ask questions.

The next district-wide meeting will be held on July 15, 2017 at West Gadsden from 10AM - Noon and at Shanks Middle from 1PM - 3PM. Contact Ms. Sherrie Taylor at the Parent Services Office at (850) 627-9651 ext. 1252 for more information.

## Making Strides Toward Unity

As students are adjusting to the news of the changes that will be occurring next school year, signs of unity among students are occurring throughout the district. For many years each high school sponsored their own events and dances. In February, something different and spectacular started occurring. Signs of unity among the students were first seen with the first JROTC ball with East and West Gadsden High Schools, and culminated with a grand event that involved all GCPS high schools

Labeled "A Night of Elegance", Gadsden County Public Schools had it's first district-wide prom on April 22, 2017. Juniors and Seniors from East Gadsden High School, West Gadsden High School, Carter-Parramore Academy and Crossroad Academy Charter School united as one for this extravagant event. Each school had a committee that was responsible for organizing the event.

The committees held meetings together to plan, organize, and determine the financial responsibility of each school. Each school was assigned different responsibilities from providing the venue, security, printing of tickets, food, decorations, music, etc. Many volunteers, along with Superintendent Roger Milton, served as chaperones to ensure a successful and safe evening.



The students enjoyed fabulous fashion, photos, gifts, and great food as they danced the night away leaving behind the separation that occurs from attending different schools.

Students watched as prom kings, queens, princes, and princesses were selected and crowned from each school.



## Student Acclimation, Togetherness, and Orientations

### MEET AND GREET EVENTS



### NEW SCHOOL ORIENTATIONS



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**"Putting Children First"**



## One Chapter Ending As Another Begins

As the school year ends and the implementation of the reconfiguration continues, Gadsden County Public Schools will continue to keep everyone informed about the project's progress.

We will seek the collaboration of all students, parents, staff, businesses and residents of Gadsden County as we embrace the changes and opportunities that will evolve from this journey.

If you would like to volunteer and assist the Gadsden County School District with the 2017-2018 reconfiguration, please do not hesitate to contact our office.



"The end of one chapter is just the beginning of another. Read on...the best part is always yet to come".  
...Susan Gale

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Carter-Parramore /Hope Academy

Chattahoochee Elementary

Crossroad Academy Charter School

**\*\*East Gadsden High School (Merging with West Gadsden Grades 9-12 only/Name Changed to Gadsden County High School**

Gadsden Central Academy

Gadsden Elementary Magnet

Gadsden Technical Institute

Galloway Academy Charter School

**\*\*George Munroe Elementary (Changing to Grades PK-3)**

**\*\*Greensboro Elementary (Changing to Grades PK-3)**

**\*\*Gretna Elementary (Closing 2017-18)**

Havana Magnet School

**\*\*James A. Shanks Middle School (Changing to Grades 4-8)**

**\*\*St. John Elementary (Closing 2017-18)**

Stewart Street Elementary

**\*\*West Gadsden High School (Grades 4-8/Name Change)**

**\*\* Schools Affected by 2017-18 Reconfiguration**